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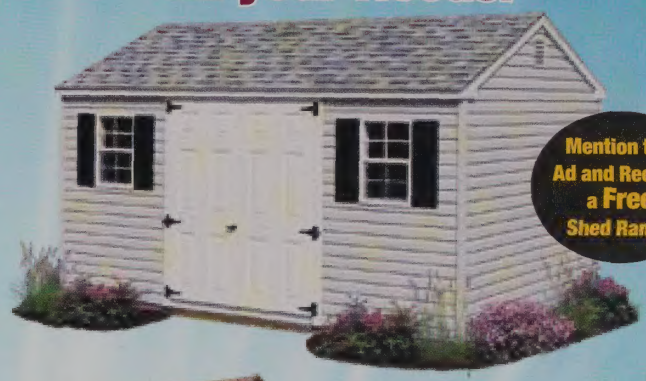

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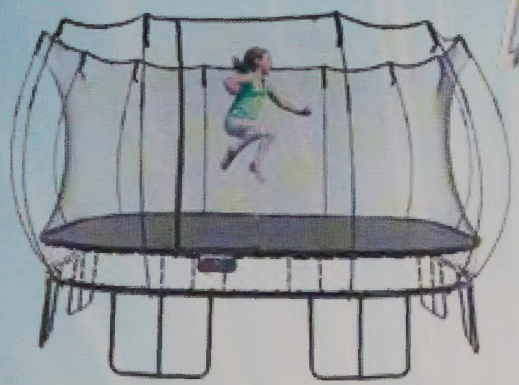

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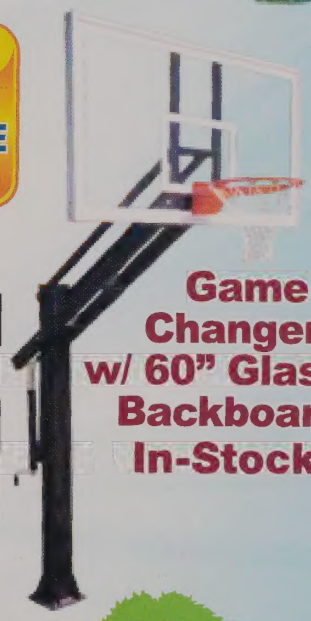

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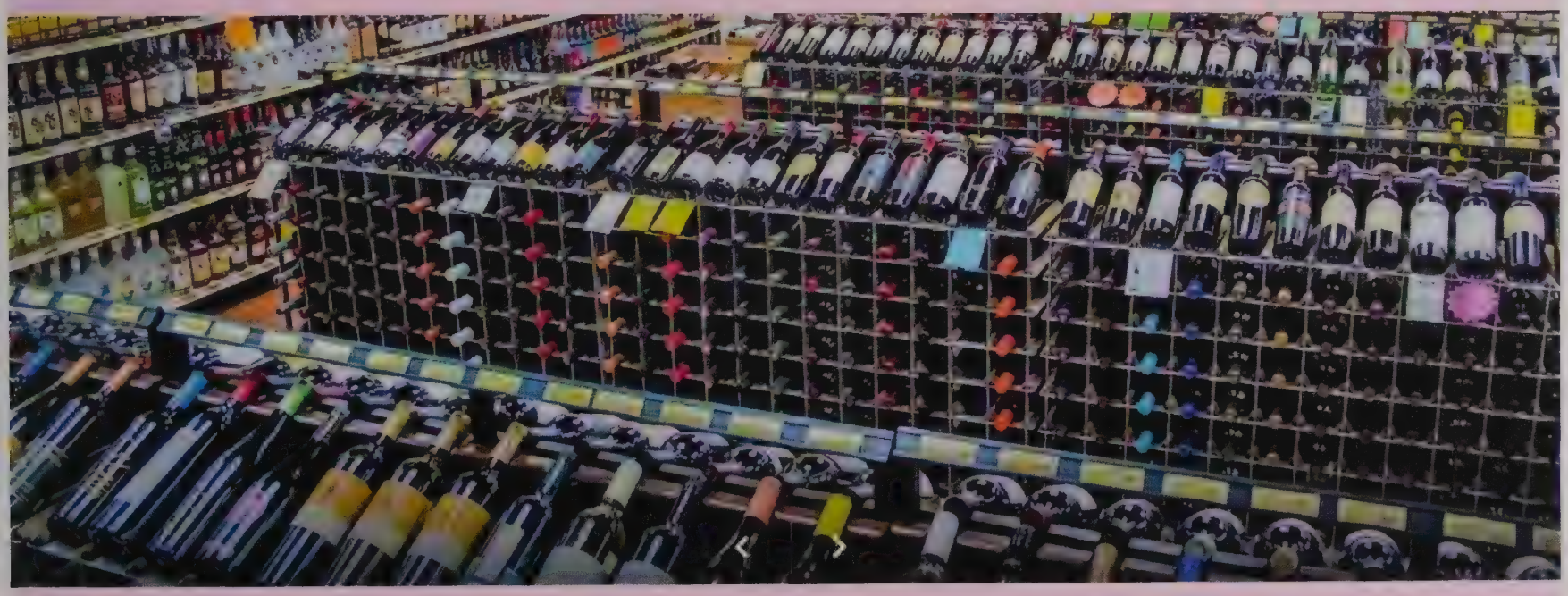

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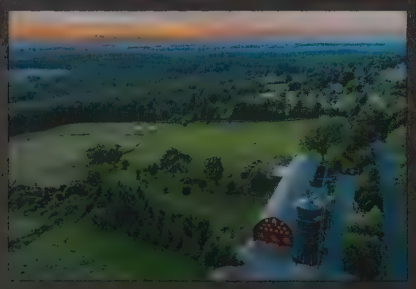

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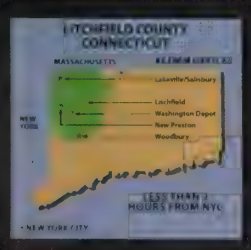

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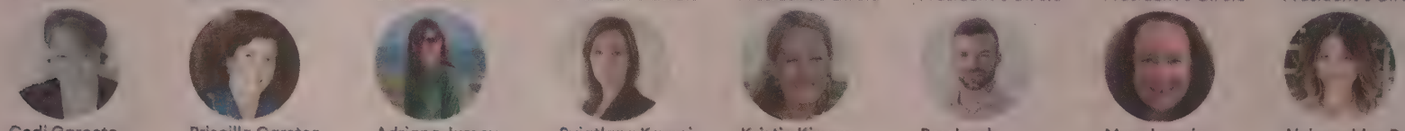

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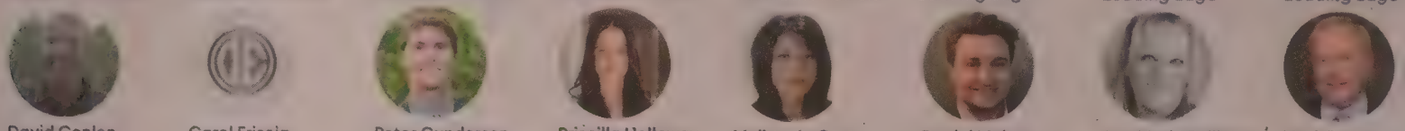

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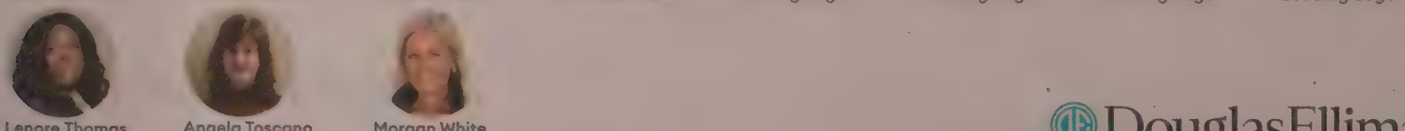

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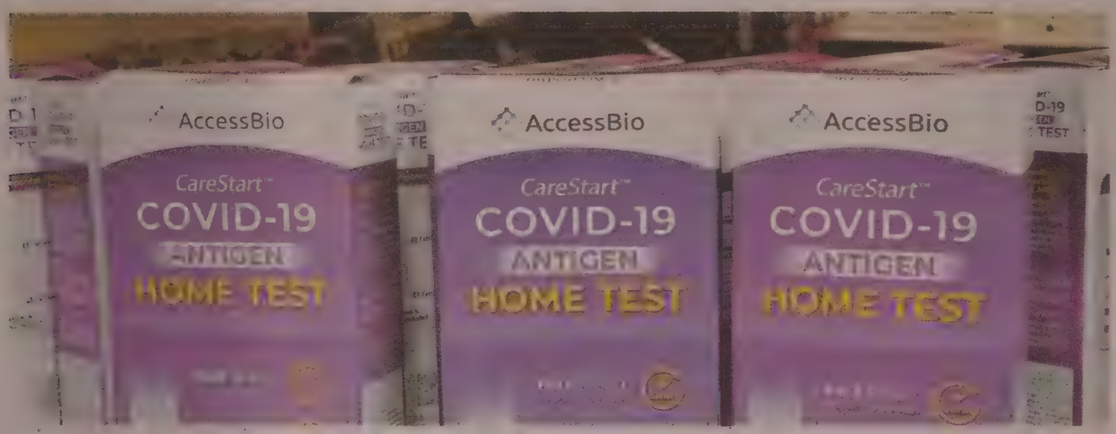

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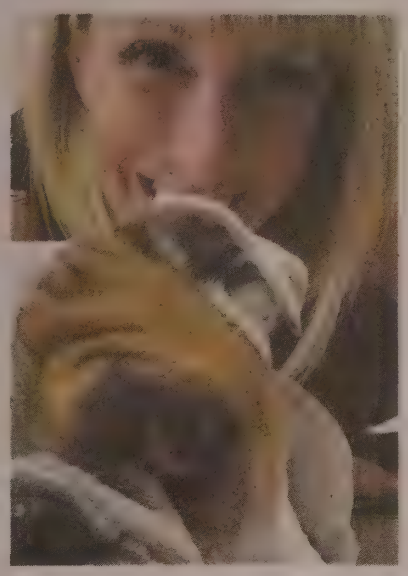

Leslie Granger, Bideawee CEO

OFF THE LEASH *with* LESLIE

Un-fur-gettable anecdotes, adventures, and a-ha moments from a pet rescue pro!

The animal welfare world can be described with a host of adjectives, but boring has never been one of them. So, join me for a quick trip behind-the-scenes of Bideawee – an animal welfare organization with three locations, 80+ employees, hundreds of volunteers, and a 118-year history in New York – and learn what it's really like to work with animals and the people who love them.

Not to brag, (cue brag now) but people who work in animal welfare routinely describe it as the most rewarding job they've ever had. Seeing thousands of animals rescued from devastating circumstances and finding them the loving families they deserve makes all of the difficult days worth it. (And believe me, there most certainly are difficult days.)

But moments of sorrow are greatly outweighed by moments of triumph and levity. Seeing a sassy cat who had been in the shelter for more than eight years finally find her perfect family during the pandemic was a moment of triumph for all who knew (and loved) her!

Another day, I was deep into budget prep for a board meeting, and the numbers were looking tight. As I fretted over figures, my "office kitty" rose creakily from her prized spot on my computer keyboard (and coughed up a mighty hairball right across my budget papers) my sentiments exactly, kitty! And you have to laugh, because sometimes that's what life is about – facing tough circumstances but still being able to find the joy and laughter to get through them.

One big perk of our workplace is the "emotional support staff" who are always on call. These "staff" members don't write prescriptions, or carry clipboards—in fact, they aren't even human! Instead, they're armed with whiskers, tails, and the cutest little paws you've ever seen. On a bad day, I'm only a short walk away from all the cats and dogs I could ever want, and they're always ready to lend an ear or a paw. Every job has hard days, but not every job offers the cuddles needed to overcome them.

And for anyone thinking animal welfare might be a good way to escape people -- I'm sorry to burst your bubble, but people are a crucial part of what we do. We need devoted people to work with our animals day and night, doing all that is necessary for their care. We need people to adopt, donate, foster and volunteer, to come together for pets in need! And if you're ever feeling skeptical towards humanity, I promise that the people you'll encounter at Bideawee will restore your faith. But if you're still in need of some comfort, we'd be happy to provide some cute dogs and cats to cuddle.

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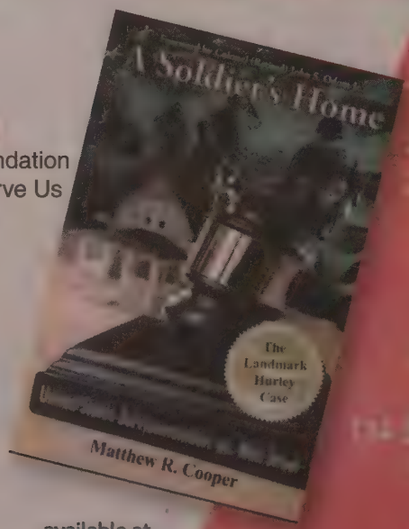

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Hillary Clinton and East Hampton's **Mariska Hargitay** were spotted leaving the Housing Works Bookstore on Crosby Street on March 4. According to the *Daily Mail*, Hargitay, who portrays Captain Olivia Benson on *Law & Order: SVU*, has been a fan of the former first lady for quite some time, and supported her presidential campaign in the 2016 election. Clinton, who was accompanied by longtime aide **Huma Abedin**, hugged an unidentified woman goodbye before getting into her car. Abedin, who was previously married to disgraced NYC mayoral hopeful turned new radio co-host **Anthony Weiner**, was out and about Manhattan that week. She also reportedly dined at Gramercy Tavern on March 2 with former Governor **Andrew Cuomo**'s top aide **Melissa DeRosa**.

Possibly the hardest-working woman in show business, **Jennifer Lopez** has landed a new job as entertainment and lifestyle officer of Sir **Richard Branson**'s adult-only cruise line. The Water Mill homeowner is also an investor. The company brought the actress, singer and businesswoman on board to help them "shape the future of travel on the high seas," according to reports. In addition to bringing new ideas to the table to ensure passengers have "the most epic vacation ever," Lopez will focus on wellness, and her cosmetics brand JLO Beauty will be available on the ship.

A **Billy Joel** biopic is hitting theaters soon. Titled *Piano Man*, the movie will follow the Sag Harbor crooner's early years on the East Coast, according to the *Daily Mail*. It will focus on when Joel was discovered by his first manager, **Irwin Mazur** at the age of 16. The Grammy Award winner's representatives have stated that Joel will not participate in the production.

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East Hampton resident **Andy Sabin**, founder of the South Fork Natural History Museum, has arranged to bring 40 cancer-stricken children from Kiev, Ukraine to America for desperately needed treatment. The kids were driven out of Ukraine to Poland under the cover of darkness and then airlifted to the U.S. The majority of the young people have gone to MD Anderson and the Texas Children's Hospital

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ANDY SABIN

in Texas. Sabin also worked with Eli Lilly and Company, the pharmaceutical giant, to send over 33,000 vials of insulin to diabetics in immediate need of the lifesaving regimen in the Ukrainian capital. The drugs were airlifted by Sabin on March 3 and were secretly delivered to hospitals in the capital on March 5 and 6.

Supermodel **Kylie Vonnahme** — who has walked in the fashion shows of Chanel, Versace and **Christian Siriano** — is sharing her new Hamptons-based beauty secret on her podcast, "A Not So Simple Life." Over the winter, beach walkers in Water Mill have been startled to see Vonnahme jumping into the Atlantic in her bikini in front of her house. She says the frigid swim is part of her new beauty regimen.

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Southampton residents **Carole Crist** and **Brock Pierce**, along with **Earvin "Magic" Johnson** all spoke at the Wall Street Conference on March 8 in Palm Beach. Crist, the former first lady of Florida, moderated the panel on Women Leadership and Empowerment and advised on how to implement programs that provide opportunities for single mothers and others.

We Hear ...

Southampton socialites **Jean Shafiroff** and **Ramona Singer** joined New York Jets Hall of Fame legend **Joe Namath** at the Furry Friends Gimme Shelter Gala in Jupiter, Florida to raise money for our four-legged friends.

Drew Barrymore is hoping her talk show will not be the next one to get the axe. KNEWZ is reporting that the Sagaponack resident is worried the *Drew Barrymore Show* will be next on the chopping block after both *The Nick Cannon Show* and *The Real* were canceled on March 9 and 10. An insider said that producers on the actress's show fear a decision could come "as soon as the next few weeks."

On March 11, lawyers for **Alec Baldwin** filed an arbitration demand against the Amagansett resident's fellow *Rust* producers, reports multiple outlets. The document claims the former *30 Rock* actor was following cinematographer Halyna Hutchins' instructions when he pointed the gun at her and accidentally killed her. The document also maintains that Baldwin's contract protected him from financial responsibility related to Hutchins' death.

JOE NAMATH AND JEAN SHAFIROFF (PHOTO: COURTESY JEAN SHAFIROFF)

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Tommy Hilfiger Honored at AmfAR Inaugural Palm Beach Benefit

Legendary fashion designer and longtime AIDS activist Tommy Hilfiger was honored for his commitment to the fight against AIDS at amfAR's inaugural Palm Beach event on March 5 at the private home of Amy and John Phelan. Christina Aguilera was the headliner, and Sylvester Stallone presented the award to Hilfiger. The fundraiser drew over 370 guests and raised over $5 million.

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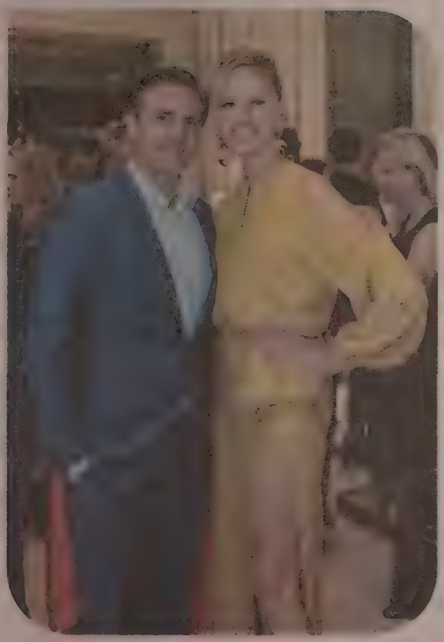
Christina Aguilera performing

Tommy Hilfiger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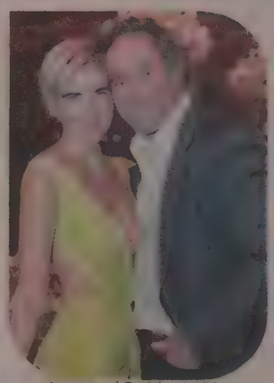
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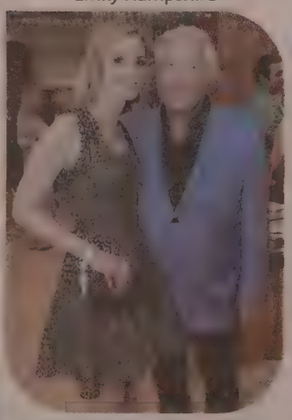
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Thomas Peterffy and Lynne Wheat

Bridget and Bill Koch

Beth deWoody and Arthur Lewis

Hilary Morgan, Parson James, Mackenzie Phelan

Christie Brinkley Speaks at Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope Shop the Day Away Luncheon

Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope's 2022 Shop the Day Away Luncheon on February 24 at The Breakers was a sold-out event with nearly 500 supporters. Christie Brinkley — the multi-talented, legendary supermodel and entrepreneur — was the keynote speaker. The event, co-chaired by Janet Levy and Soula Rifkin with Honorary Chair Cameron Neth, featured fabulous silent and live auctions and raised over $850,000 to assist local families affected by cancer.

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Soula Rifkin, Christie Brinkley, Janet Levy

Gail Worth, Barbara Marulli

Mara and Arthur Benjamin

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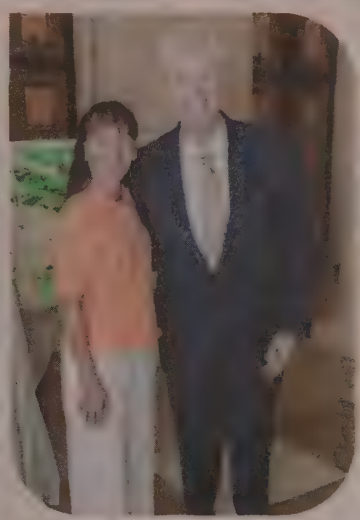
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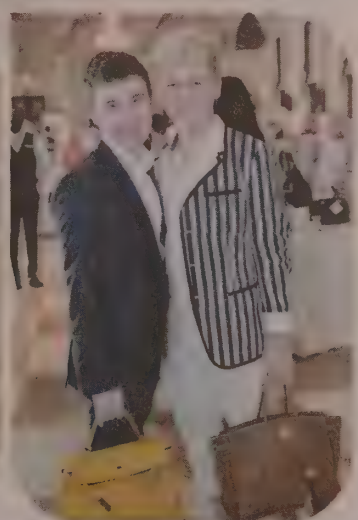
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'Cocktails and Conversation' on Gary Lieberthal Yacht

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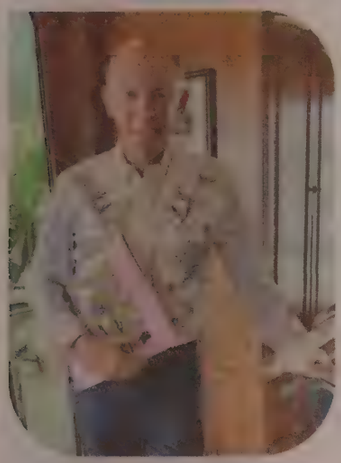

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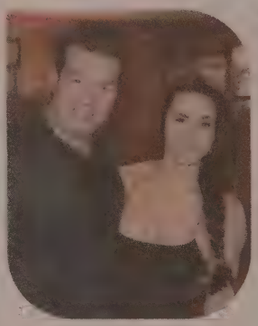

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20th Annual Palm Beach Show A Stunner

The 20th annual Palm Beach Show at the Palm Beach County Convention Center was a crowd-pleasing delight for lovers of high-end art, design, antiques and luxury shopping.

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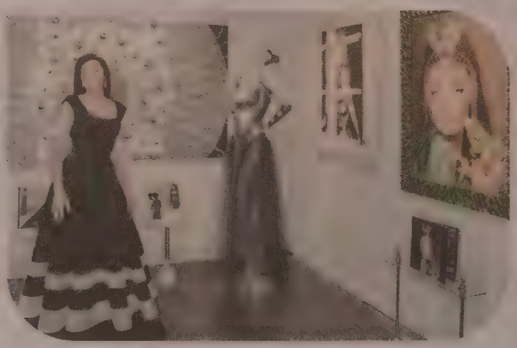

Diana Drozhkina

Victoria Schneps, Ted Vassilev, Donna Schneier

Cathy Engelman (Dress by Zimmerman)

Dan Rattiner, Christine Wasserstein, Victoria Schneps, Adele Fuchsberg, Dr. Derek Enlander and friends enjoyed the Palm Beach Show — an artful, elegant, high-end treat filled with many treasures

Alarra Hewstan, Karen Tscherne

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Veronica Beard Hosts Spring Runway Show

Cass Dimicco

Lana Condor

Veronica Swanson Beard, Claire Holt, Veronica Miele Beard

Veronica Beard hosted a spring 2022 runway show at The Royal Poinciana Plaza to celebrate the opening of the brand's 18th store in Palm Beach. The event drew women from the worlds of fashion, entertainment, beauty, art and culture, from South Florida, New York and beyond.

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Kate Sturino, Remi Bade

Lauren Layne Merck

Jessica Springsteen, Brieanne Dofort

Lainy Hadaya

Danielle FASHION PIC OF THE WEEK

STEPHANIE HILL
Seen at: Veronica Beard Spring 2022 runway show, The Royal Poinciana Plaza
What we love: The glasses with that purse!

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SEEN on the Palm Beach SCENE ...

PHOTOS: ANGELA LAGRECA

Curtis and Amanda Polk at The Breakers Hotel, HSF

Sam Parris, Isaac Boots, Amy Rosenblum — Torch'd class at The Colony Hotel

(Back row): Alex Lerner, Thuyen Nguyen, Tiffany Lee, MAGO
(Front): Sacha Lehto, Henry Buhl at The Colony Hotel

Jane Rothchild, Christine Andreas (Edith Piaf show), Bill Boggs at the Kravis Center

Danielle Llamos, Ellen Krass, Juan Carlos Trujillo (manager) at PB Catch restaurant

Ramona Singer — The Colony Hotel

'Season of Love' Contest RUNNERS-UP ....

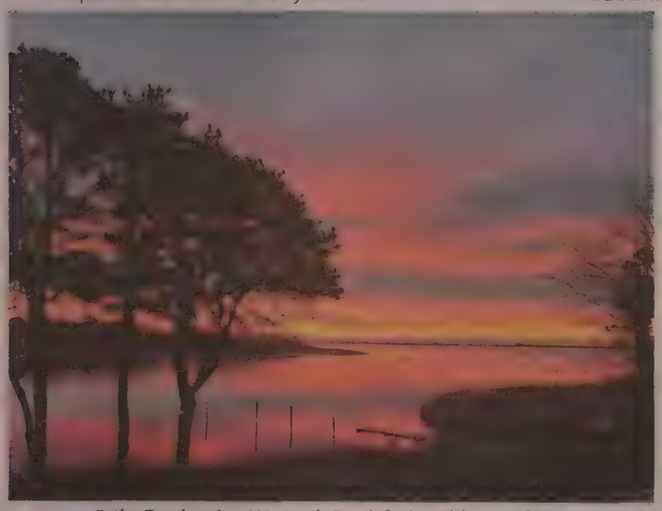
We announced the winner of our Dan's Papers "Season of Love" photo contest, Joanna L. Steidle for her drone shot of the lily pads heart at the Morton Wildlife Center. Here are some of the runners-up in that contest that caught our eye! Remember, the monthly contest winner receives a $100 gift certificate to Calissa Restaurant in Water Mill and a chance for the Grand Prize – to have your work featured on the cover of *Dan's Papers*. See this page for our current contest and rules, and send us your favorite "Signs of Spring" photographs. ... Spring ahead!

Christopher Sessa — Wild Sky in Sag Harbor

Alison Wesnofske — Tiana Beach

Stephen deMoncada — Rusty Meadow

Ira Schwartz — Sunset off Shrubland Road



Cathy Zambetti — Weesuck Creek facing Shinnecock Bay

Donna Corvi — Forsythia Love in Spring

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- You must submit photos to alagreca@danspapers.com with the subject: **"SIGNS OF SPRING" by Thursday, March 31, 2022 at noon** to be considered in the contest.
- The winner will be announced in the following issue, so no late submissions will be accepted. Select runners-up will appear in subsequent issues.
- The winning photograph receives a $100 gift certificate to the fabulous Calissa restaurant in Water Mill and a chance to grace our cover with a photograph in the new year!
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East End School Superintendents Respond to End of Mask Mandate

BY PHILIP EFRON

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For the past two years, New York schools have mandated all students to wear face masks during in-person learning to decrease the spread of COVID-19. However, as the Omicron wave dies down and nationwide vaccination rates have risen, legislators across the country have lifted COVID mandates. New York Gov. Kathy Hochul recently enacted a series of measures easing COVID restrictions, such as revoking vaccine and mask mandates for businesses. On February 27, 2022, Hochul announced the end of the state mandate requiring masks in public schools, effective March 2.

Throughout the pandemic, schools have fostered a safe environment for children to learn with an incredibly low risk of contracting COVID-19, and Hochul's new ruling highlights these successes. Yet, after a long two years of masking, this decision has sparked a wide range of responses from school faculty and students alike.

All East End school superintendents who *Dan's Papers* spoke to reported that masks are now optional in their district, though everyone acknowledged that there would still be students and staff who choose to remain masked. This decision — everyone agreed — would be respected.

Overall, the superintendents reported a positive response from parents, students and school staff regarding the end of the mask mandate, reflecting a common sentiment that "this is a positive moment in two years of misery," as Adam Fine, superintendent of the East Hampton Union Free School District (UFSD), put it. He added, "There is a very exciting new energy in all of our buildings. The teachers are excited to see their students' faces and smiles. Parents have been thrilled." Fine also noted that he has observed students say that if their teacher wears a mask, they will wear one out of respect.

Jack Perna, superintendent of Montauk Public School, said the majority of teachers and parents in his school disctrict love the decision to make masks optional. Perna added that most students are thrilled to see their friends' faces again. When asked about the impact of eliminating mandatory masking, he replied, "How about real smiles?"

Dr. Augustine E. Tornatore, superintendent of the Riverhead Central School District, said that although masking is now optional, some Riverhead students still continue to mask, and that decision will be met with kindness. "We stress kindness in our district, and we want everyone to feel comfortable whether they wear a mask or not," he said.

Dr. Anthony J. Mauro, superintendent of the Southold UFSD, characterized the Southold teachers' as "very even-keeled" when responding to his decision to follow Hochul and end the mask mandate. "They are extremely professional and supportive of our students and their choices," he explained, adding that the district will "respect everyone's choice with masks, as we have students and teachers who choose to mask and those who do not wear a mask." When asked if ending the mask mandate will impact students' educational experiences, Mauro affirmed, "I believe the educational experience at Southold was positive and will continue to be positive, no matter the situation. We respect each other and work together to make it so."

Debra Winter, superintendent of Springs School, reported that while most are happy to see the mandate lifted, it is troubling for some. She said, "It's definitely confusing to students. Some are still very concerned that they could get sick, they could not see grandparents or be responsible for making small siblings sick. I just hope we don't have to go back to wearing masks."

Seth Turner, superintendent of the Amagansett UFSD, shared a similar sentiment as Winter, as he professed that while many teachers, parents and students are relieved to be able to remove masks in school, some are "understandably apprehensive." He reinforced the notion that masking is not completely a relic of the past, as there are still situations which warrant the wearing of masks in school. This includes if a student has tested positive and is returning to school, or if a student or staff member has been exposed to a known positive case of COVID.

Brian Doelger, superintendent of Shelter Island UFSD, reported, "It was business as usual in our district. We will continue to follow the CDC and health department recommendations as we have throughout this pandemic." Doelger also noted that those who decide to wear masks still sit and talk with students who choose to go unmasked. "Everyone is getting along," he added.

The remaining East End school superintendents could not be reached for comment by press time.

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OLA Beefs Up Eviction, Youth Deportation Assistance

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

East End renters facing eviction proceedings and immigrant children at risk of deportation have new legal resources at their disposal when they find themselves in court fighting to stay in their homes.

Organización Latino Americana (OLA) of Eastern Long Island, the Sagaponack-based nonprofit that advocates for Twin Forks area immigrants and Latin Americans, announced the pair of new initiatives in efforts to help people who may soon have a judge decide where they can and cannot live.

"OLA is answering the call for more direct legal representation for East End Latinos," said Minerva Perez, the group's executive director.

OLA joined forces with The Door to offer access to free direct legal representation for local minors formerly in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement — shelters for minors who arrive in the U.S. without a parent or guardian — and have received a Notice to Appear in Immigration Court.

OLA also expanded its housing advocacy to ensure it has a weekly presence in the East Hampton and Riverhead town justice courts in response to a spike in eviction threats from local landlords. The group reports receiving numerous calls from Latino community members who find themselves potentially facing homelessness now that the coronavirus pandemic-induced eviction moratorium has been lifted but the resulting economic hardship endures for many.

The initiative complements OLA's administration of New York's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), a statewide program that helps people who have fallen behind in their rent payments during the pandemic to access financial assistance from the state.

"One of the main reasons why OLA's presence in the East End courthouses is important is that we can educate community members who are being evicted from their homes about help that is available," said Erika Padilla, OLA's legal and administrative assistant. "They come to their court appearances without legal representation, without knowing their rights as a tenant and the options they have. In my time observing eviction cases in East Hampton, I've seen different scenarios in which tenants behind in their rent payments had no idea that the Emergency Rental Assistance Program existed and that OLA could help them fill out the application."

OLA's Crisis Response and Recovery Coordinator, Wally Ramirez, added: "It is also important to be able to offer information to families who are facing homelessness about potential help from Nassau Suffolk Law Services and Empire Justice Center, as well as other crisis resources."

The group has also handled some eviction cases with pro bono support from Jack Lester, a local attorney it has worked with for years, Perez noted. Although OLA is a Latino-focused organization, its onsite support in the courts is for all community members, not just Latinos.

"OLA is here for the entire East End," said Perez.

For more info about eligibility, call OLA at 631-899-3441 or visitolaofeasternlongisland.org.

MINERVA PEREZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZACIÓN LATINO AMERICANA OF EASTERN LONG ISLAND. (PHOTO: COURTESY SOUTHAMPTON TOWN)

$7M OK'd to Bring Public Water to Manorville Homes With Polluted Wells

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Congress is poised to provide $7 million in federal funding to connect the public drinking water system to 128 Manorville and Calverton homes with private wells believed to be polluted by subterranean toxins.

The U.S. House of Representatives approved March 10 funds to connect the homes with wells that have tested positive for possible carcinogens in excess of New York State standards, such as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

"Nothing could mean more to a community than clean, safe drinking water," said Adrienne Esposito, executive director of Citizens Campaign for the Environment. "Turning on your tap should never invoke fear of getting sick. Now, with these federal funds, community members will be able to connect to the public water supply and be able to make coffee, cook and shower without fear that they are being exposed to dangerous toxic chemicals."

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer (D-NY) said the funding, which was included in a $1.5 trillion federal spending bill, is expected to pass and be sent to President Joe Biden to be signed into law by March 18 to prevent a government shutdown.

The Town of Riverhead's water district will receive $3.5 million of the funding to connect 60 of the affected homes within its borders and the Suffolk County Water Authority will get the other $3.5 million to hook up rest of the residences with polluted wells in the Town of Brookhaven portion of Manorville.

Suffolk Department of Health Services tests revealed in 2020 PFAS well above the state's maximum contaminant level of 10 parts per trillion in wells near the former federally owned Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant, which closed in 1996. The use of industrial-strength firefighting foam during past training exercises at the plant have been known to introduce chemicals such as PFAS into the surrounding groundwater. Exposure to PFAS can lead to adverse health outcomes in humans, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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FEDERAL FUNDS WILL HELP BRING CLEAN WATER TO MANORVILLE AND CALVERTON RESIDENTS

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Hampton Parking Plus

BY DAN RATTINER

In summer 2021, for the first time, both Sag Harbor and East Hampton villages made deals with online companies to electronically monitor parked cars and issue violations to those that stay in their spots too long. It involved license plate recognition software and overhead surveillance cameras. To a great extent, it replaced the summer cops who chalked tires and left tickets to be paid under the lawbreakers' windshield wipers.

How did it work out? We had a conversation with Mayor Brian Figaro of Hampton Village to see if he planned to repeat the arrangement for this coming summer.

"We were very happy with it," he told *Dan's Papers*. "And the Village Board is currently discussing making some additions to it."

One proposal on the table would allow longtime residents to reduce the amount of their parking fines, he said.

"We will give 10% off to people who continuously lived in the Hamptons for more than five years, 20% off for people who've lived here more than 10 years and 30% off for people who've lived here for a generation. Those who can trace their residency back to the early settlers would be totally exempt from parking fines. They can park wherever they want and for however long they want."

Mayor Figaro said this is most likely to pass. If the proposal passes at April's board meeting, citizens can arrange their discounts by coming to village hall with a lease showing a long-ago start date. If they own, they can bring the property's title showing what they bought and when. As for the descendants of the original settlers, a report from ancestry.com will do.

Another proposal on the table involves charging different overtime parking fines depending on the car's price.

"It's only fair that those who own a Maserati pay more than those who own a Toyota Corolla," he said. "Parking perpetrators' surveillance camera pictures will show not only what the rear license plate is, but also the make and model of the car. These things are indicated on rear trunks right above the license plate.

"Councilman Richard Rogers, who opposes this plan, says it's too complicated," the mayor offered. "He says the clerks viewing the surveillance camera photos at village hall will be making decisions after consulting the Kelley Blue Books the village provides them. These books estimate the current value of every model car ever made, based not only on its retail, trade-in and private sale values, but also by year."

He added, "But according to Rogers, this could lead to a landslide of complaints from motorists who say their car's value should be less because they are in poor condition — the car, that is — or they have especially low mileage. Again, the car, that is. The clerks can't see those things from a surveillance camera photograph."

Another thing the council is working on, the mayor said, is affordable housing for the less fortunate.

"We've been entirely remiss in this area," Figaro said. "The studies tell us the number of affordable housing units this village needs is 2,100. And yet the number built so far is 58. You can't stuff more than 160 people into 58 units. With 2,100 units, you could stuff in 6,200 people. We want to make this right as soon as possible. And we think the units are already here.

"Ready for this? They are the garages and studios and other outbuildings on the back or front lawns on nearly all the properties in the village.

"We want to harness these buildings," Figaro said. "Upgrade them. Put bathrooms and kitchens in. Did you know that for the past 30 years there's been a law on the books making it illegal to have plumbing in accessory buildings used as art studios? The village was afraid that these art studios could be used as rental cottages."

I told him I remembered it well. *Dan's Papers* reported on it when it happened. This law resulted in less artwork being produced. It was shameful.

"For a time, the village had inspectors knocking on doors," Figaro continued. "If a bathroom existed they'd have it removed. Even hot plates and portable refrigerators were removed. If artists needed to go, they'd have to run to the house. Artists also had to prove they were continuously working. They had to show inspectors evidence of recent exhibitions and sales. Well, that might have been an important law a generation ago when real estate prices were low. But now it's the other way around.

"At the April meeting, we will discuss repealing this law and replacing it with one requiring that all existing garages and studios be upgraded and rented to people who have modest incomes. We call it the 'Slash-a-Zero Law.' Garages and studios will be appraised. And the rental price permitted for affordable housing use will be the appraised value minus a zero. For example, a garage appraised for $20,000 a month would rent to a qualified family for $2,000 a month.

"Because Slash-a-Zero was announced publicly on our agenda," the mayor continued, "we've already gotten a lot of comment about the issue. People are outraged that they might have to rent to just anybody. So, we're adding an amendment to the new proposal stating there will be a one-day mandatory meet-and-greet between the homeowners and the qualified renters, so people can arrange for a proper fit. We will hold it in the high school gym. Nobody wants a convicted axe murder and his family on their property. A man's home is his castle, after all.

"But we've also been threatened with legal action if the amendment passes. The meet-and-greet sounds like a violation of the current anti discrimination laws. Selective renting can discriminate by race, color, creed, religion, sex or some other stuff."

"So it's going to be a fight between the 'Man's Home Is His Castle' people and the 'Real Estate Discriminator' people," I said.

"Yes. But the bottom line is we need 2,100 affordable housing units for housekeepers, pool boys, car parkers, restaurant waitresses and handymen, so they can sleep together with their loved ones without having to commute 50 miles twice a day. And we need them now! Everybody knows that."

"On another matter," I asked, "are you discussing what can and cannot land at the East Hampton Airport?"

"We're just throwing up our hands," the mayor said.

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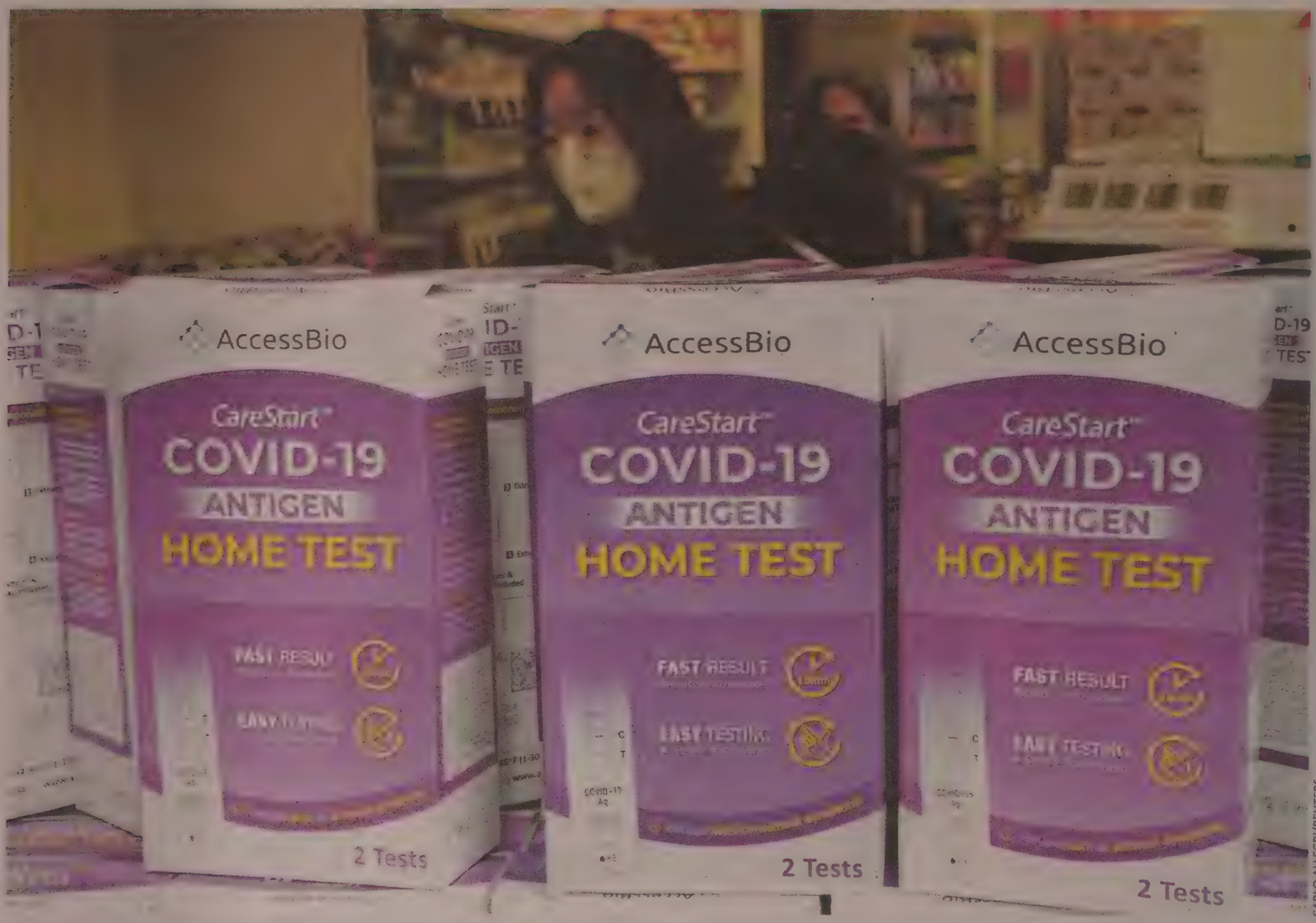

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COVID-19 HOME TEST KITS ARE PICTURED IN A STORE WINDOW DURING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC IN NEW YORK ON JANUARY 19, 2022.

COVID-19 Anniversary: East End Aims to Put Pandemic Pain in Past

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Two years ago on St. Patrick's Day, the seriousness of the coronavirus pandemic became painfully clear when restaurants across New York State were restricted to takeout only, taking a bite out of the East End's hospitality industry.

But now that many COVID-19 mandates — from requirements to wear masks in eateries to schools, among other orders that were enacted in March 2020, lifted and then reinstated amid the recent winter surge — have been relaxed, local leaders in the Hamptons and on the North Fork are hopeful that this spring and summer may see an even stronger comeback than last year.

"I'm being guardedly optimistic here, but I think COVID is in the rear view mirror just in time for spring," said Steve Haweeli, president of Word-Hampton Public Relations and the LI Restaurant and Hospitality Group, which serves as the spokesman for numerous East End eateries. "I feel a sense of relief — and I'm sure restauranteurs are, too — inasmuch as there's still an air of caution."

Across the region and beyond, some lingering mandates remain in effect in a few places, such as on the Long Island Rail Road, as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advise keeping mask orders in place for mass transit. Certain people voluntarily continue masking up as a precautionary measure, often because they live with someone who has a weak immune system and is more susceptible to the virus. The trend comes as the number of new cases diagnosed daily continues to decline locally and vaccination rates remain high.

Long Island had a 1.67% seven-day average percentage of positive test results reported over the last three days as of March 14, according to the latest state Department of Health data available as of press time, down from record-breaking daily infections for the county as recently as January. More than 1.9 million Long Islanders had completed a COVID-19 vaccine series by the same date, state officials said.

"As we continue to navigate our new normal, with progress being made every day, it is still important to ensure that our residents, including our most vulnerable populations, have access to all of the tools necessary to fight this virus and keep themselves safe," said Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, who is among local officials continuing to offer free at-home COVID-19 test kits for residents. "Testing plays a vital role in keeping this virus under control

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A SYRINGE IS FILLED WITH A DOSE OF PFIZER'S CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) VACCINE AT A POP-UP COMMUNITY VACCINATION CENTER ON LONG ISLAND ON FEBRUARY 23, 2021.

and will be absolutely critical as we begin to live with this virus as part of our everyday lives."

The region has come a long way since the first confirmed case of coronavirus in Suffolk was reported on March 8, 2020 and the county's first two deaths both came on March 16, 2020. The earliest known cluster of cases emerged at the Peconic Landing retirement home in Greenport, where seniors proved among the most vulnerable.

The difficulty of keeping the virus from spreading in a facility where people live in close proximity proved most challenging. Just ask Suffolk County Sheriff Errol D. Toulon Jr., who oversees the county jail in Riverhead and breathed a sigh of relief that the numbers have come down.

"I am happy to say that on this two-year milestone we currently have zero COVID-19 inmate or staff cases," he said. "Through the many surges of this virus our incredible correction officers and deputy sheriffs have been on the front lines of this pandemic, working diligently to keep our staff, inmates and communities safe. No matter how much time passes, we must always continue to honor the many people who went above and beyond their call of duty to serve our communities — especially our hardworking health care professionals, including our corrections medical staff, and our first responders."

Despite the progress made, the debate over the remaining mandates continues. U.S. Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-Shirley), the Republican and Conservative nominee for governor trying to unseat Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul, participated in an Unmask Our Toddlers Rally in Manhattan on March 7 against the continued masking of toddlers in Pre-K and daycare.

"I think COVID is in the rear view mirror just in time for spring," says Steve Haweeli

Other local officials were pleased with the governor's lifting of many statewide mask mandates last month.

"I applaud the governor's decision to lift the current statewide requirement on masks in schools," said state Assemblyman Fred Thiele (I-Sag Harbor). "With the spread of the virus now at low levels, this decision came at a time that is safe and in accordance with the expertise of our state and nation's leading scientists. As the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Local Governments, I believe that it is our duly elected local officials who have the best understanding of the unique needs of the communities in which they serve. With the lifting of this order, local governments, the level of government closest to the people, will rightfully be given the authority to decide what is in the best interests of our mutual constituents."

East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc took the governor's order and the declining infection rate as his cue to lift the mandate on wearing masks in town facilities.

"I am very pleased that we have reached this milestone," he said, "and we look forward to resuming in-person meetings in the near future."

REAL ESTATE

Water Mill Home With Ties to Rapper 6ix9ine Now for Sale

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

This gated home in Water Mill North with many luxurious amenities is the perfect retreat for anyone looking since it is back on the market, this time for $5.995 million with Craig Beem of Beem Hamptons. The home is linked to at least one person who actually used it *to* retreat — the controversial rapper 6ix9ine.

6ix9ine, whose real name is Daniel Hernandez, is known for his rainbow-colored hair and facial tattoos and used to go by the name Tekashi69 — if you don't know, his name is now pronounced simply "six nine." He was released from prison at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic to serve out the remainder of a sentence under home confinement. He first moved into a modest home in Lido Beach. When a neighbor outed his location, he was forced to move — after all, he had received a lesser sentence by signing a plea agreement that indicated his willingness to testify against fellow gang members.

At the time, it was reported he moved to 24 Deer Run in Water Mill, an 8,500-square-foot home overlooking an equestrian estate and tree farm. A collection of pastel-colored luxury cars in the driveway may have given it away. The custom home, built in 2005, was listed for rent at the time for $55,000.

The home sold in October 2021 for $4.2 million, according to records. Now it's back on the market, asking $5.995 million, which still seems like a steal since neighboring houses are listed at $7.5 million.

The traditional abode boasts a bit of old-world charm while offering luxurious amenities and exquisite craftsmanship. "Every inch of the home was designed and constructed with comfort in mind and impeccably maintained by its owner," the listing says.

There are five fireplaces spread over three stories. The living room enjoys soaring high ceilings, and natural light pours in through large windows. A chef's kitchen offers polished granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. There is a breakfast room off the kitchen and a separate dining room that seats 12.

There are six ensuite bedrooms, several with raised-hearth fireplaces that give the home a warm feel. There is even an ocean view from the second floor.

The walkout lower level includes exposed brick and reclaimed barn wood. There is a sauna, a wine cellar, a family room, a pool room, a movie theater and a speakeasy-style bar.

The 1.1-acre property includes a backyard entertainer's paradise featuring a free-form heated pool with a raised Jacuzzi and a waterfall flowing into the pool, covered patios and an outdoor surround sound system. There is also an all-weather tennis court.

In addition, there is a detached three-car garage — one that 6ix9ine did not use for his fleet of cars, leading to the discovery that he was briefly hiding out here nearly two years ago.

Not a bad place to retreat to, that's for sure!

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10 tips for Maintaining a Wood-Burning Fireplace

The fireplace is the focal point of many homes. Consider these best practices for fireplace maintenance.

Install Carbon Monoxide, Smoke Detectors
Issues like carbon monoxide poisoning or smoke in the house could arise when you have a clogged chimney.

Remove Soot, Creosote
Both of these resides have to be removed professionally, if necessary, to prevent it from blocking airflow.

Check The Chimney
Whether you have a masonry or metal chimney, it is vital that you regularly check it for any cracks, dents, or rust, as they could be signs of a bigger problem.

Use The Proper Wood
Generally, wood should be dried for 6-12 months before they're good for burning in the hearth. To make them dry faster, it's best to split logs into small pieces of wood.

Test Before Using
Just light up a few pieces of wood first and check if the smoke is released through the chimney. If it enters the room, troubleshoot and correct the problem first before loading up lots of wood.

Install a Blower and Heat Proof Glass Door
The glass door will not only prevent sparks and embers from tumbling out from the hearth into the room. A fan or blower installed will help circulate the heat.

Troubleshoot and Correct Problems
For example, white stains in the bricks of the chimney can be a sign of too much moisture due to leakage.

Consider Safety Precautions
Keep combustible carpets or furniture as far away from the hearth as possible, make sure you're using the proper tools to clean the fireplace, and never leave a fire unattended.

Hire a Professional Chimney Sweep
Have a certified chimney sweep inspect it at least once a year or more frequently.

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Bridgehampton	72 Little Noyac Path LLC	65 EC LLC	65 Ellen Court	Residence	12/15/21	17,950,000
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	MulfordMaidstone LLC	Cynthia & Michael Crawford	23 Maidstone Lane	Residence	11/03/21	6,600,000
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	Jose Fernandes	Joseph Pallister	6 Hubbard Street	Residence	10/27/21	542,500
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	Evan Martilotta	Gabriel Kochmer	780 Legion Avenue	Residence	01/21/22	765,000
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	John H Stewart	Allison M Kasson	3495 Deep Hole Drive	Residence	10/29/21	635,000
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Exclusive North Haven Estate Sells at Over Asking Price

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

The tiny Village of North Haven has always had a certain cachet. Surrounded by water on three sides, it is home to quiet neighborhoods with large estates. Jimmy Buffett has a waterfront estate here, perfect for his boats and seaplanes. Christie Brinkley used to own a historic bayfront home. Richard Gere's former estate is owned by Matt Lauer. Just last year, Calvin Klein's ex Kelly Klein bought a $16 million property with a small cottage overlooking the bay.

This year is off to a good start with a $17 million trade in January and now, the latest high-end trade on the peninsula comes in at $16.995 million. The latest property to move, 22 Bay View Court, in an ultra-private estate in the exclusive waterfront enclaves of West Banks, sold at over the asking price of $16.95 million. The home went into contract in under 40 days and we're told the deal was completed in 100 days, from the list to the closing.

Kyle Rosko and Marcy Braun of the Eklund Gomes Team at Douglas Elliman and Hedgerow Exclusive Properties had a co-exclusive on the property. Nicole Tunick and Zachary Tunick, also of Douglas Elliman, represented the buyer.

"Over the last 12 months we've seen a strong injection of interest in North Haven, especially water associated properties," says Preston Kaye, the co-founder of Hedgerow Exclusive Properties, based in Bridgehampton. "With a constraint on inventory south of the highway, buyers in the $10M+ segment have started exploring new alternatives," he says.

"With close proximity to Sag Harbor Village, a true boating community and some of the best, elevated sunset views in the Hamptons, it's no surprise that North Haven has seen pioneering numbers recently," Kaye adds.

West Banks is one of the few gated communities in the Hamptons.

"We're thrilled for our buyers, who are very familiar with the area and understood that with just 24 homes in this exclusive enclave, this one — set up on the bluffs — was a rare opportunity," says Zachary Tunick. "They did not want to miss out on one of the best views the Hamptons has to offer, especially at sunset."

Another property available is 6 Bay View Court — which is asking $49 million.

The 8,300-square-foot home at 22 Bay View Court sits on 2.93 acres with 270 feet of frontage on Noyac Bay. The custom-built home offers eight bedrooms and eight-and-a-half baths. There are spacious entertaining areas, a formal dining room, a chef's kitchen, a paneled study, a professional gym and a wine cellar.

COURTESY HEDGEROW EXCLUSIVE PROPERTIES

A NEARLY THREE-ACRE NORTH HAVEN PROPERTY WITH FRONTAGE ON NOYAC BAY FOUND A BUYER QUICKLY, WHO WAS WILLING TO PAY ABOVE THE ASKING PRICE FOR THIS PICTURESQUE PROPERTY.

COURTESY HEDGEROW EXCLUSIVE PROPERTIES

THE ESTATE AT 26 ON THE BLUFF ON NORTH HAVEN SOLD IN SEPTEMBER 2021 FOR $11.95 MILLION, THE THIRD-HIGHEST TRADE ON THE PENINSULA LAST YEAR.

The landscaped grounds include a heated saltwater gunite pool, a pool house and a man-made pond with a waterfall and a river.

As *Behind The Hedges* previously reported, 60 Forest Road in North Haven sold for $17.25 million on January 28. The five-bedroom home sits on a three-plus acre property on the other side of the peninsula, offering 180-degree views over the Shelter Island Sound towards Mashomack Preserve. Marilyn Clark, Ginger Thoerner, Raquel Lopez and Debby Koster of Sotheby's International Realty had that listing.

Last year, five North Haven properties traded above $10 million, the biggest sale being Klein's purchase on Cedar Avenue for $15.9 million in June. (David Cox of Compass had the listing). A home at 14 On The Bluff sold for $12 million in September.

Hedgerow Exclusive Properties sold 26 On The Bluff back for the full asking price of $11.995 million back in September. Hedgerow had a co-exclusive with Susan Breitenbach of Corcoran and Susan Harrison, now with Compass, who represented the purchaser.

The 10,000-square-foot waterfront home at 26 On The Bluffs sits high on the bluff with open bay views and steps that lead down to the beach. Situated on just shy of two acres, the six-bedroom, six-and-a-half-bath home offers luxurious amenities, including an indoor basketball court, an exercise studio and a game room with a billiards table and a bar. Outside, there is a heated gunite pool with a spa, an outdoor fireplace and an oversized three-car garage.

Mala Sander of Corcoran sold two large waterfront homes on Ferry Road last year. The 8,000-square-foot Nantucket-style home on 1.3 acres at 82 Ferry Road traded for $10.4 million in May of 2021. Sander also facilitated the sale of a post-modern 4,500-square-foot home on Great Pond Creek at 78 Ferry Road in July of 2021 for $7 million.

In total, 11 properties on North Haven traded above $5 million in 2021.

With two large sales above even the biggest trade from last year, it looks like 2022 is off to a good start.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Honoring This Week's Cover Artist:

Nelson De La Nuez

BY DAVID TAYLOR

This week's cover art was created by the "King of Pop Art" himself, Nelson De La Nuez. Here, he discusses the origins of his unique brand, the themes he explores in his artwork and his greatest artistic accomplishment.

What inspired you to paint "High Maintenance (Oh Pool Boy)" and what themes did you set out to explore with this piece?

This is one of many pieces in my "Material Girl" series, which shows my strong, outspoken female characters. They all either have or aspire to a certain luxury lifestyle.

They are not spoiled; they just know what they want and are enjoying life to its fullest. It's created in a fun tongue-in-cheek style, but I empower them to speak loudly and not be afraid to get what they want in life — whether it's the pool boy's assistance, Champagne, a fabulous career, designer shoes or flying first class — everything and anything is attainable. These are modern women.

Besides that, "High Maintenance" is a great summer piece that reminds people of that one great summer day they never forgot. It epitomizes summertime with the theme, colors, vibe.

How was this piece created?

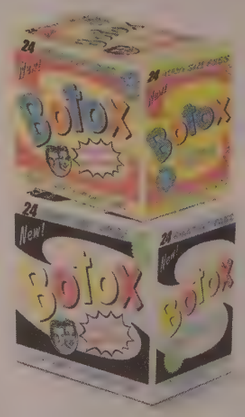
It starts out with an idea, and then I come up with the fun tongue-in-cheek thought bubble that will tie it all together. The writing is very important. Visually, I create a drawing for the central character(s) and then, depending on each piece, I will tell the narrative in the background with a collage I create that includes whatever I need to tell the story.

My work is mixed media, just depends on what the particular piece calls for and my mood. Some pieces are very detailed, and others are better kept simple. I utilize media ranging from acrylics, oil pastels to spray paint, et cetera on canvas, paper and wood.

How did you develop your iconic brand of pop art?

After people started seeing my art on a wide scale in well-known galleries, especially my DTR Modern galleries, which I've had tremendous success with and a great relationship, they started to recognize my work — the specific thought bubbles, my women, the Wall Street art, the art I specifically design on the sides of my canvases. As a result, my art became very much in demand and I am constantly creating, trying to keep up. No complaints. I am always trying to change things up a bit though, asking myself what can I do next that's different.

My style of art — with its fun, yet sophisticated commentaries on modern society — has led prestigious brands, celebrities and corporate collections to reach out and have me design for their brands using my name to create my own collections for them ranging from watches to travel goods, fashion and home décor. This has then led to my art being seen in new forums, such as large department stores (Neiman Marcus, Saks, Nordstrom), and also Delta Air Lines private corporate collections features my work at their various Sky Club VIP lounges throughout the country, for example. My art became word of mouth among the entertainment industry, as well, and one thing led to another. I have designed custom pieces for brands, for hotels, nightclubs, et cetera. Regardless who I design for, I always have creative control in how my art will look on the product or final branding.



TWO OF NELSON DE LA NUEZ'S "BOTOX BOX" MIXED MEDIA SCULPTURES (11 X 10 X 7.5 IN), WHICH SELL INCREDIBLY WELL AT DTR MODERN'S PALM BEACH GALLERY

How did your title as "King of Pop Art" originate and what does it mean to you today?

I wouldn't call it a "title" — it is my brand. Don't confuse that. I didn't name myself that, but it's actually a great story that involves Michael Jackson. It was in the spring of 2009 when I met Michael, and he was in awe of my art, like a kid in a candy store. He bought three large pieces in about four minutes before the chaos of his life ensued — news crews, press, cameras turned on to film and he fled.

We later discussed him coming to my studio, and they asked if I'd close it down for him and his kids. It was a future plan that I looked forward to. But who knew he would be dead shortly after I delivered all of the art?

The media and newspapers came up with their own headlines, "King of Pop Buys Art from King of Pop Art." It caught on, and I trademarked it for my brand name. I am not a narcissist, and I don't feel it's something I have to "live up to."

It's like any creative person who has a brand name persona — singers, rappers, designers, Madonna, 50 Cent, Meatloaf, Snoop Dogg — these are obviously not their real names, these are brands they represent. They just happen to be the brand; it's how the creative industry works, especially when you have other products/brands connected to you.

It is my legal trademark, my website, my social media handles and what I use for brands that I develop partnerships with. Some fans and collectors seem to really like it, and I just take it all in jest.

RYAN FORBES

NELSON DE LA NUEZ

NELSON DE LA NUEZ'S "ON VACATION" (43.5 X 47.5 IN), WHICH IS A WORK OF MIXED MEDIA ON PAPER THAT'S PART OF HIS "LIFE'S LITTLE PALETTE" SERIES

What artistic accomplishment or accolade are you most proud of?

I am very proud to have been involved in some great partnerships and projects such as designing my own collection of "Bubble" watches for Swiss watch (company) Corum and being asked by Warner Bros. to create art for the iconic *Wizard of Oz* film's 70th anniversary.

Ultimately though, I'd have to say I am most proud of what I have accomplished — that I came to the U.S. from Cuba at age 7 with nothing, from a very humbled place and have risen to the success that I am at now; the fact that I am able to make a great living doing what I love every single day. I don't take it for granted. I get to live my passion.

What do you find most fulfilling or rewarding about being an artist?

Getting to create something that didn't exist before, and I have seen firsthand how my art has and can touch people's lives. That is a great feeling.

To see more of Nelson De La Nuez's works, inquire about purchasing pieces and stay up to date on upcoming exhibitions and events, visit dtrmodern.com.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The End: James Katsipis Explores Life and Death in Montauk

BY OLIVER PETERSON

James Katsipis, one of the East End's finest photographers, and a man known for documenting Montauk from its most splendorous to its roughest edges, is exhibiting a selection of his powerful pictures in *The End* at Manhattan's Redu Studios (1285 Second Avenue) through March 23.

The exhibition offers viewers a look at images from the artist's various series, including painterly abstractions of the ocean; sensual, black and white "Mermaids of Montauk;" and his local "Landscapes" series, which squeezes every drop of beauty out of each captured moment and puts them on display.

"The concept at the root of the works featured in *The End* is the near-death experience," Katsipis' exhibition statement explains, pointing out that he's crossed paths with the Grim Reaper numerous of times throughout his life, and even pulled others back from their own demise. "These experiences have made a profound impact on his life and on his work over the years, culminating in this collection," his statement continues.

"Nothing makes you think about your own mortality more than being held under water by a giant wave for long period of time," Katsipis, an avid surfer, concludes.

This connection between Katsipis nearly dying and the photographs on view seems rather ambiguous, but his artistic eye and the quality of his work could not be more apparent. Carve through the esoteric talk of death, and one thing is for sure — Katsipis knows Montauk well, and his passion for the hamlet runs as deep as the sea that surrounds it. While his photos represent a diversity of style and approach, all shout proclamations of love and affection for his hometown and muse.

That said, Montauk's most popular sobriquet, *The End*, is a perfect title for a show informed by death and life on Long Island's easternmost point.

And maybe the greatest death of all is that of Montauk itself. Anyone who's spent a lifetime here has seen the The End change from a quiet fishing town to a hot tourist destination with $20 million mansions and trendy NYC pop-up shops, and Katsipis has done what he can to chronicle that which he's lost.

"HEAVEN'S GATE" BY JAMES KATSIPIS

Among his images at the Redu furniture studio, "Heaven's Gate" memorializes Montauk's very first fishing dock, a historic, almost holy place that has since been torn down and replaced, adapting to this new, shinier version of the quirky, often ramshackle burg that attracted wealthy outsiders in the first place. The change is certainly a death of a sort, but "Heaven's Gate" and other images in Katsipis' oeuvre feel more like a celebration of life, whether he's looking at bygone days, capturing a luscious sunset, the summer scene or riding a frigid wave in the winter surf.

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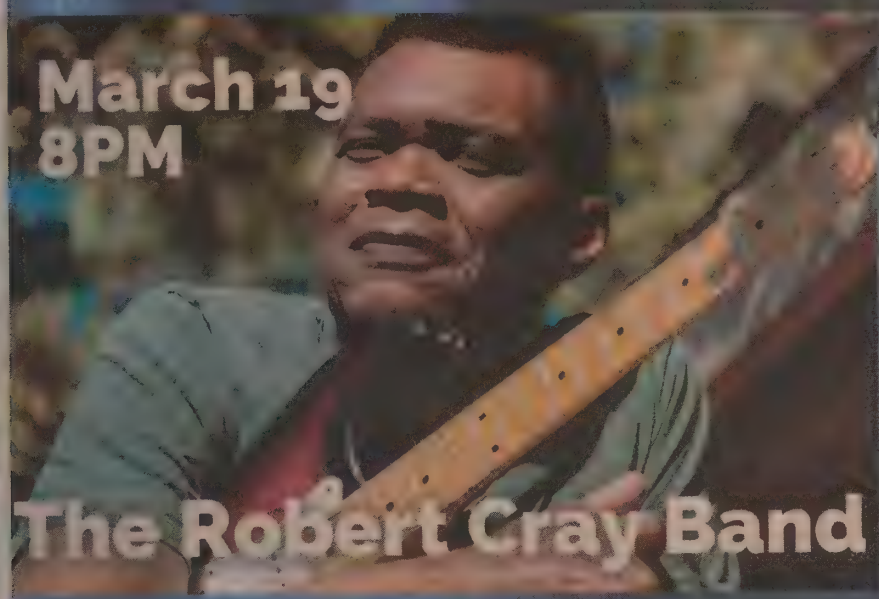

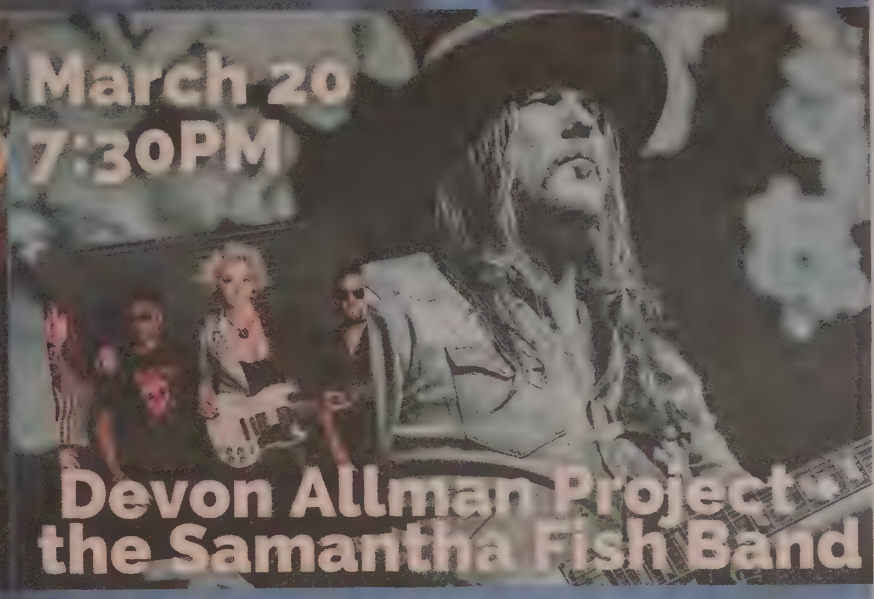

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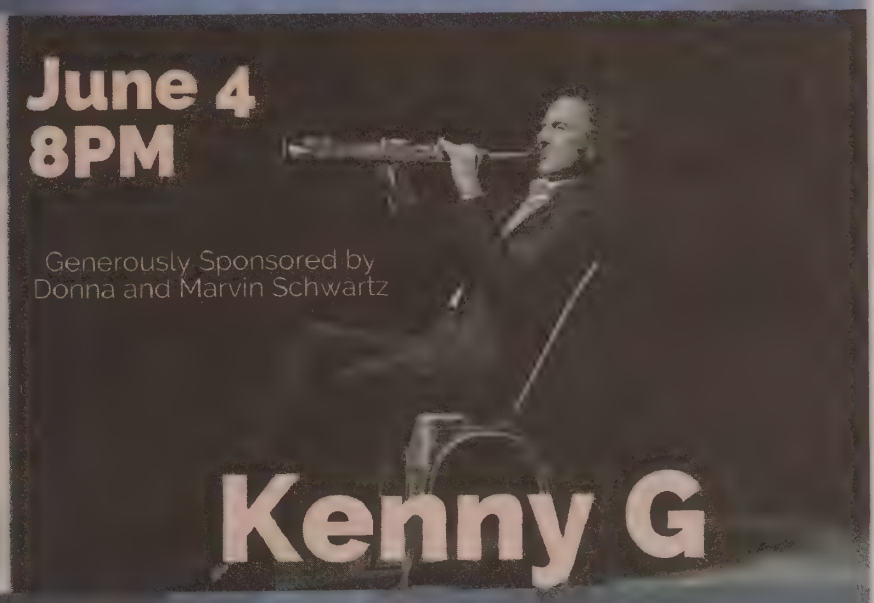

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My mother came from Kyiv when she was a tiny 2-year-old literally being carried across Europe by her brother as they ran from the Russian-sponsored pogroms tearing apart their home.

How sad that history is repeating itself, but now it's not just the Jews fleeing — it's a nation of people.

I called my friend **Doris Schechter**, who sounded very sad on the phone. When I asked her what's happening, she shared her horror of watching what was happening in Ukraine. I told her to turn off her TV, but she said that was only part of her sorrow. The real issue, she said, is that the present crisis reminded her vividly of her childhood running away from the Nazis over half a century ago.

Doris, along with her family, lived in Guardiagrele as free prisoners of Mussolini. In 1944, President Roosevelt invited 1,000 refugees as guests of the United States of America.

I asked her to write about her memories and I would like to share her **"Reflections"** with you all:

With great sadness, I watched mothers and children trying to escape the terrors of war in the Ukraine. It catapults me back to my formative years with my parents, living in Italy.

The Nazis, marching into Guardiagrele, Italy, enveloped us with tremendous fear for our lives. My parents knew then that we had to find an escape route in order to save themselves and me, their 5-year-old.

There was only one decision. We would have to cross the front to get to the Allied area.

We joined a group of Italians who were going to cross the front. What a horrific time of complete danger, crossing minefields, where one had to follow in the footsteps of the person in front of you, to avoid stepping on a mine.

There I was, 5 years old, knowing to be quiet and having to be completely obedient to whatever my parents said.

Even so, I lost my shoes in the mud, and marched bravely without a whimper.

The fear that I had not only for myself, but also for the fear my parents had, that I internalized, has remained an emotional part of my life. I always wondered why, and to what end, that one cruel murderer can perpetrate on humanity and innocent children.

Doris became a refugee to America, living in an abandoned army camp called Fort Ontario, which was located in Oswego, New York. Now, she is a successful Manhattanite!

She sweetly told me that writing down her story helped her. But I reminded her to stop watching the war news and she told me she did stop.

I feel we all need to help in the humanitarian efforts to help the refugees fleeing. I feel so helpless watching the devastation, but helping is the only thing we can control.

There are many ways you can help and donate. Below are a few ideas.

HOW TO HELP

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

CRS and their partner Caritas Ukraine are asking for donations in order to continue and provide more support. Pre-crisis Caritas Ukraine humanitarian assistance for Ukraine has been in the form of clothing, footwear and other necessary items to hundreds of people a week in Ukraine. Currently, they are on the ground providing the Ukrainian people with warm blankets, food, supplies and some toys. *crs.org*

CARE

Care is a global leader striving to end worldwide poverty. Currently, their focus is on Ukraine, where they are asking for donations to reach 4 million with immediate relief. They are dedicated to helping with aid, recovery, food, water, hygiene kits, psychosocial support and cash assistance. They are prioritizing women and girls, families and the elderly. *care.org*

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Presently, the ICRS is working with the Ukrainian Red Cross Society with essential support for the Ukrainian people. Some emergency assistance they are providing are vital needs like food and water. They are also helping hospitals with medical equipment, repairing water stations and supporting separated families. *icrc.org*

UJA-FEDERATION OF NEW YORK

UJA and their partners have been on the ground from the beginning, responding to emergency needs. Right now, priorities include: Emergency relief in Ukraine; humanitarian supplies in and around Ukraine; refugee aid in neighboring countries; and facilitating aliyah. To date, UJA has allocated $5 million in emergency funding. *ujafedny.org*

WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN

This is one unique organization founded by Spanish-American chef José Andrés. The WCK team and volunteers are currently serving meals in the south of Poland near the Ukrainian border, where they are working with the city to provide hot meals to refugees crossing. *wck.org*

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Save the Children is currently focusing on the 7.5 million children in Ukraine who are in danger. They are providing children and families with immediate support in food, water, hygiene kits, psychosocial support and cash assistance. *savethechildren.org*

Check out our other media outlets for other ways to donate!

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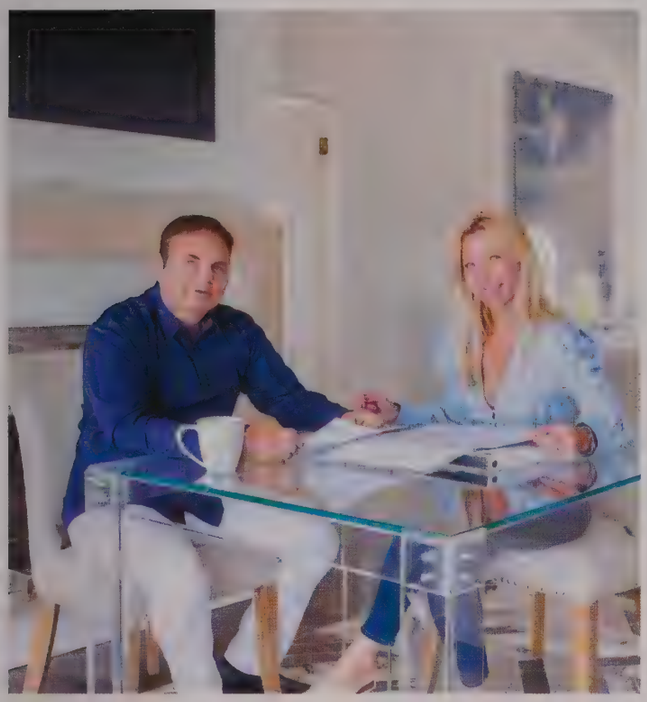

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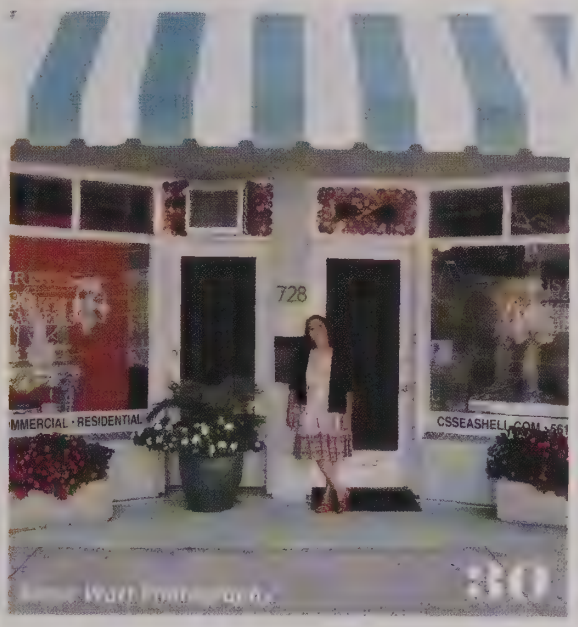

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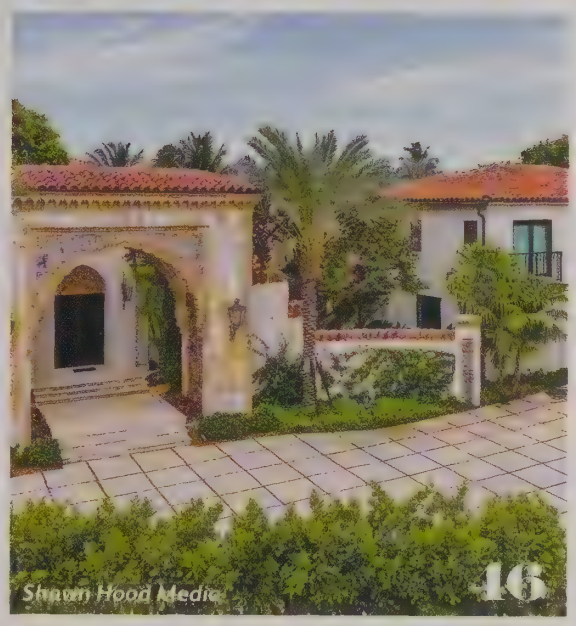
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REAL ESTATE ROUNDTABLE

The Great Condo Rush

From the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, we heard a lot about people moving out of cities for more space and privacy. What about luxury condominiums? In the Palm Beach area, there are plenty to be found. Spacious residences overlooking the ocean, the Intracoastal Waterway and the city skyline. Whether you are a snowbird from the Hamptons or simply someone who prefers the convenience of being close to boutiques, restaurants and cultural venues, condos are often preferred. We asked real estate professionals in the know: How is the luxury condo real estate market in Palm Beach doing as we look forward to coming out of the pandemic?

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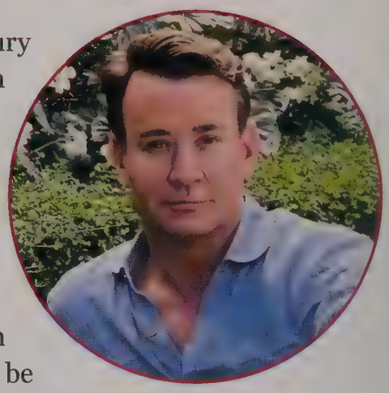

The demand for luxury condominiums in the Palm Beach and West Palm Beach market has never been stronger. There is simply not enough supply for the demand. We are craving inventory. There are some new projects on the horizon and these will be a welcome addition to the market, but until inventory increases, buyers need to move swiftly. When an apartment lists, it doesn't last very long and oftentimes sells above the asking price. Condominium prices have skyrocketed but that isn't deterring buyers. People love the ease of living in a condo. There is less upkeep and many of the new buildings coming to market have incredible amenities that make your everyday life feel like you're living at a five-star resort.

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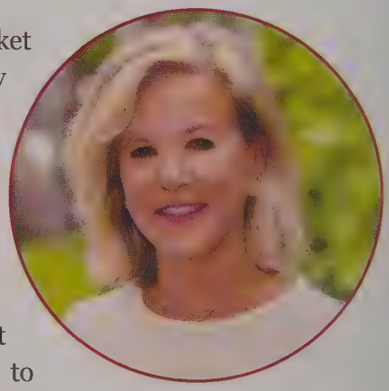

The condominium market continues to be extremely competitive for buyers seeking a home in Palm Beach. The pandemic heightened market activity to a level I have not seen during my 20-year real estate career, but other factors will continue to keep the market robust and active. More people at all stages in their life are deciding to move here as they realize they can work from home, are retiring, or decide they simply prefer the Florida lifestyle. They have the ability to relocate full-time or purchase a second, third, or even fourth home. Weather, taxes, and the recreational opportunities available ensure continued low inventory and high demand. Condos are a great fit for those who are priced out of the single-family home market, are downsizing, or want the ease of condo living. Many buyers are open to looking at several locations to find the right space for them. When luxury condos come to market there are typically full price or over-ask offers. New or fully renovated units are especially popular. Buyers have to be ready to move quickly if they want to buy now. "He (or she) who hesitates (has) lost"... a Palm Beach luxury condo!

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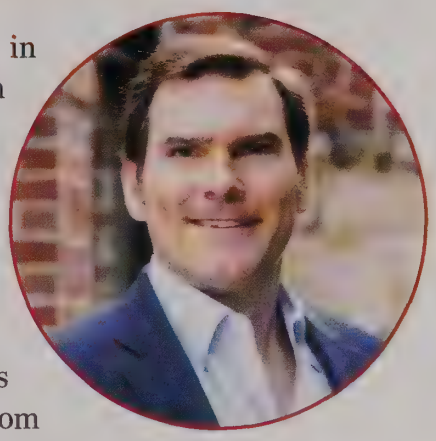

Like most real estate in South Florida, the Palm Beach market has been extremely busy. Inventory is at historic lows, and with new construction projects 2-3 years from completion, existing luxury buildings are getting strong looks from buyers. Buyers are even securing their purchases now and allowing the seller to remain in the property until next season, as many sellers aren't sure where they will go. Many clients from the Northeast are used to condo living, and appreciate the convenience of having pool, garden, security and concierge services. Due to the pandemic, owners have been spending more time at home; as a result, existing condo owners are adding amenities to their units such as home gyms, offices and living green walls. Current condo owners are also purchasing additional units in their own buildings for their extended family and overflow of guests. With inventory levels low, buyers may need to compromise on their complete wish list but in the end, living the Palm Beach lifestyle carries with it so many pluses that buyers are not disappointed. They are happy to be here enjoying all that the Palm Beaches have to offer.

ANDY FRAME

CONDO 16E IN 529 S. FLAGLER DRIVE IS IN CONTRACT WITH A LAST ASK OF $3.75 MILLION. ANDREW THOMKA-GAZDIK OF SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY, WHO REPPED THE SELLER, SAYS PRICES IN THE BUILDING KEEP RISING.

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The Palm Beach real estate market has always been an active one, but since the pandemic and notably over the last few months, prices in our condo market have surged while inventory has receded. Our unique island has two areas where our condos lie, in-town and south of Sloan's Curve. In total, there are approximately 6,370 condos and co-ops on the Island. As I write this, we have 19 active listings in-town and 24 active listings on the south end. Demand continues to surpass supply, and trying to convince an owner to sell inevitably leads to the question, "Where am I going to go?" As a realtor, pricing has become challenging. In some cases, what sold for $800 per square foot back in November of 2021, is now selling for over $1,600 per square foot. Direct oceanfront in-town had sold for over $5,000 a square foot and the most recent entry in the same building has listed for over $6,000 per square foot. Palm Beach has proven to be a good investment. There's only one Palm Beach and people who are fortunate enough to be here are appreciating their homes now more than ever. Truth be told, it has not been a hardship living through a pandemic here in paradise.

Margit Brandt
COMPASS

Palm Beach's allure has only grown stronger amidst the current climate, and the condo market specifically has fared very well. Positioned as an enclave for year-round living, many are drawn to the water views, beach and Lake Trail access, low-rise style, and luxe outdoor amenities. Year-over-year comparisons show that the number of condominiums and co-ops for sale has dropped even more dramatically than single-family homes. As we look ahead into 2022, we anticipate continually increasing Palm Beach demand, albeit at a slower annual growth rate than the historic proportions of the past two years, especially when it comes to condos.

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Ashley J. Farrell's Recipe for Success: Service, Service, Service

story by ***Bernadette Starzee***

Ashley J. Farrell's latest listing at 175 Dune Road in Westhampton Beach, which offers 225 feet of sprawling ocean frontage, is asking $21.5 million. ***Courtesy of Lexie Schrage***

Home purchases and sales are among the most nerve-wracking and financially significant transactions that most people will make in their lifetime. Having a knowledgeable real estate agent who proactively provides detailed status reports and who always takes their call goes a long way not only in calming jitters, but in helping people get the best deal possible.

Ashley J. Farrell, a third-generation Westhampton Beach native and a second-generation real estate agent, has been expertly guiding sellers, buyers, landlords and renters in the Hamptons market for eight years. Based in the Westhampton Beach office of The Corcoran Group, she recently expanded to the Palm Beach, Florida market in order to better serve her clients.

"My client base is very much Westhampton Beach and West Palm Beach," Farrell says. "The consumers in each market are many of the same people. I saw the opportunity to help my clients with their real estate needs in both places."

In either market, Farrell's attention to detail and level of communication are what set her apart.

"Anyone who has worked with me will tell you I am super 'Type A,' detail-oriented and organized," she says. "I have a defined, successful process, which I continue to modify and improve as the market changes. For both buyers and tenants, as well as landlords and sellers, I adhere to a written, step-by-step process, which focuses heavily on customer service and communication – the cornerstones of my business."

Without divulging any proprietary information, Farrell's process is organized with a strict timeline for when and how actions need to occur. One of Farrell's most impressive, albeit time-consuming, endeavors is the weekly listing update that she gives each of her sellers.

"This report is filled with minutiae other sellers simply are not receiving about their properties," she says. "I quantify and break down all views and other activity on the seller's listing."

"I can see if the weekly views are increasing or decreasing," Farrell says.

"If the data shows we are getting the exposure we need, but people aren't taking the second step – viewing the property – or the third step – making an offer – this tells us something has to change." Usually, the price needs to be lowered.

Farrell's market knowledge and steadfast dedication to service have made her Corcoran's No. 1 producer in terms of dollar volume in Westhampton Beach every year since 2018. She has sold more than $165 million worth of luxury property over the last eight years. And perhaps no broker in the Hamptons does as much yearly volume in rentals as Farrell.

"Before I had sellers and buyers, I started my career by banging out rentals – and I never stopped," says Farrell, who completed nearly $5.5 million in rental transactions between 2020 and 2021. When serving buyers and renters, Farrell prides herself on being extremely knowledgeable about the inventory. She recently helped a client who was not local to secure a rental in Westhampton Beach.

"There were 14 rental listings which met my client's criteria, but my client wasn't able to come see them in person. I had previously shown 12 of them and was able to describe

The spacious eat-in kitchen at 175 Dune Road, located on the upper level, features unobstructed views of the Atlantic Ocean. ***Courtesy of The Corcoran Group***

each, ultimately helping her determine which would work best for her needs," she says.

Farrell also takes pride in the strong relationships she has cultivated with brokers in both the Hamptons and Palm Beach, helping her provide her clients with better service.

"I was recently preparing a listing to hit the market, I shared it with a few peers, and within a week I was presenting an offer at $300,000 over asking price. My sellers were thrilled and asked me to hold off on further preparation. They were ready for contracts immediately." she says.

Relationship building comes down to "treating other brokers how you want to be treated," she says. "We are in an extremely fast-paced market, and as a broker, it's inevitable that you will receive bad news sometimes – usually that a client was outbid on a property. You can't stop those scenarios from happening, but you can present them in a way that is respectful to the other broker."

Farrell recently put a full-price, cash offer with no conditions on a house on behalf of a client, but another buyer came in.

"All I got was a text from the agent saying, 'Sorry, we accepted something else, cancel the inspection,'" she says. "A broker that I would want to emulate would call to say, 'I'm so sorry, a higher offer came in. If your buyer wants to put in another offer, I would be happy to present it.' Without providing my buyer an opportunity to bid, the broker does a disservice to the seller, possibly leaving money on the table."

Active on social media, Farrell has 10,200 followers on Instagram (@ashleyjfarrell), which she says lends itself particularly well to real estate marketing. "Instagram allows you to share photos, stories and short videos," she says. "The video is like a 30-second movie trailer, but instead of a movie, it piques your interest about a home."

Farrell's attention to detail and client communication, along with her deep market knowledge and broker relationships, have helped her earn numerous industry accolades, including being named to the Real Trends + Tom Ferry list of America's Best Real Estate Professionals and Top 25 Real Estate Professionals in The Hamptons for 2021.

Farrell enjoying a warm day at a broker's open house at her listing. ***Courtesy of Lexie Schrage***

Farrell with her dog, Sammy, outside of a commercial space she helped procure for Bideawee, where she rescued her dog. ***Courtesy of Ashley Farrell***

Robert Brantley Photography

Local Designers Start Creating Dream Homes Even Before the Purchase Is Final

Annie Santulli
Robert Brantley Photography

As most things seem to be, buying a vacation home is more challenging than ever. The current competitive seller's market has forced buyers to be more flexible with the properties they consider purchasing and more time-sensitive with their decisions. Interior design, and the ability to transform an available property into a dream home, have become an integral part of the home-buying process. With over 20 years of hands-on experience, Santulli has successfully navigated the process and delivered custom, luxury designs from Palm Beach to the Hamptons.

By choosing a local designer, the design process can begin before the purchase, and often does. "Buyers don't have to rely on photos that don't tell the whole story, or worry about incomplete or inaccurate measurements," Santulli explains. The interior designer can personally evaluate, oversee, and adjust, as needed – every step of the way. That role starts as soon as the real estate broker's job ends – and in this market, they regularly work together.

Because of the current limited housing supply, prospective buyers often need expert help to envision the full potential of a space, before they're ready to commit. That's where the communication and creativity of a local interior designer can be immensely helpful to both buyers and their realtors. "The realtors I work with know they can call me for an initial design consult," Santulli says, "regardless of whether or not I receive a contract from the homeowners." One of her clients explains, "Her meticulous overview of every detail and her ability to always be fully engaged turned this 'worn' house into a brand new home."

Other important factors to consider and proactively plan for, this year, are the current shortage of qualified contractors and the ongoing global supply chain crisis. "I have a network of loyal, reliable contractors," Santulli informs clients, "and you have to coordinate installations based on the delivery of products and materials. But these days those timelines can change multiple times, without warning."

Santulli has a vivacious personality and a profound passion for her craft.

Her reputation as the go-to designer for luxury design in Southeast Florida and the Hamptons keeps growing as she provides the personal service and 24/7 work ethic her clients deserve. She explains, "In this business, you need to not only be a creative designer but a capable project manager as well. I align myself with the best resources; space planners, contractors, furniture makers, etc."

Only a local designer can offer the schedule flexibility necessary to be there as soon as a crucial delivery arrives. "Sometimes I have less than 24 hours' notice," reports Santulli, "and have to scramble to get to the job site so we don't experience further delays." A client of hers was impressed to see that she "has an army of tradespeople," and another confirms, "The subcontractors Annie uses are all excellent, they all love and admire her and with her coordination of the job, everything is done on time and to perfection."

Holger Obenaus

Working with Santulli is a wise investment for those who take pride in their luxury homes or yachts. "My clients have high expectations, and they should. They hire me because they trust my opinion, integrity, and high standards. This process is invasive. My clients are comforted knowing it will be a beautiful experience every step of the way." Her clients have boasted, "We worked with her from 1200 miles away and Annie took care of everything, making our place ready for our arrival." And, "Annie oversaw the renovation of our golf club home while we were at home in the Northeast. Things couldn't have gone more smoothly and everything was on time and perfectly executed."

Having trust that a local team is there to handle everything is the key. "When you live in another part of the country your designer becomes your on-scene advocate," Santulli emphasizes. "I am inspired by my client's individuality."

Look at her portfolio to be mesmerized by her unique sense of style; not a signature look, rather a harmony of many. "It's not about my style, it's about their dreams." Her clients concur, one saying "Annie actually *listened* to us. She really took the time to learn about our lifestyle and what we liked and disliked," and another agreeing, "She understood exactly what we were trying to achieve and gave us that and more."

Insight, flexibility, and local connections provide realtors and their buyers with greater confidence and reassurance that everything will go smoothly – which makes a local interior designer an invaluable asset, especially now.

Annie Santulli is an entrepreneur and Palm Beach interior designer.

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Gary Lawrance Illuminates Grand Palm Beach Homes & History

Story by Oliver Peterson

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With all that's gone wrong in the world, 2022 is turning out to be quite a year for architect, historian and author Gary Lawrance. Known professionally as the go-to guy for creating masterful and perfectly scaled physical and digital 3D architectural models, as well as for his bestselling book *Houses of the Hamptons, 1880–1930* (co-written with Anne Surchin), Lawrance is mostly getting attention now for his expertise and online proliferation of information about the so-called Gilded Age.

With an extensive background in the history of Gilded Age architecture, landscapes and society, Lawrance has for years been a respected authority when it comes to this fascinating period of great industrial growth and prosperity following the Civil War. The Gilded Age lasted from about 1870 to 1900 — though Lawrance's focus stretches through 1930. His related blogs and social media have built a combined following of some 500,000 people — his popular @mansionsofthegildedage Instagram account has more than 100,000 followers alone — and his talks and symposiums, both online and in-person, have drawn large crowds from all over the world.

The public interest and his online follower count continue to grow, now faster than ever, as more people watch *Downton Abbey* creator Julian Fellowes' new HBO series, *The Gilded Age*. The show — starring Christine Baranski, Montauk's Cynthia Nixon, Carrie Coon, Louisa Jacobson, Denée Benton and other top acting talent — mixes real history with a fictional dramatic thread, while doing its best to capture the look, feel and attitudes of the era.

"The Gilded Age was originally named by Mark Twain. He was kind of making a pun of it," Lawrance says, explaining that Twain, who wrote the 1873 novel *The Gilded Age: A Tale of Today* with Charles Dudley Warner, was offering a metaphor about covering otherwise unexceptional materials with a layer of gold, the "artificiality of people pretending to put on airs and gild things to seem better." Most scholars agree the incisive author of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* was also speaking to corruption of the day, hidden just beneath a glimmering gold veneer.

"Gold was always a symbol of wealth, and in the Gilded Age they had just so much money. There was no income tax, they had $100 million to $200 million, which today is not much, but in those days certainly would be billions, with no taxes," Lawrance says. "Nobody paid taxes — poor people, middle class, nobody, but somehow the country managed. They just had all this money coming in faster than they could possibly spend it."

As part of Lawrance's study of the period, he turned his focus to the great homes of the Hamptons elite in his first book, but his research eventually took him south, following the siren song of Palm Beach's historic wealth and society for what he hoped would be a second book, *Houses of Palm Beach, 1900–1950*. That book has not yet come to fruition, but throughout the last decade of work, Lawrance has built an encyclopedic knowledge of the region's most important figures and their stately homes — many of which have long since been razed to make way for more modern structures.

Palm Beach really got going after the Gilded Age was officially over, though some say the era never really ended in this exclusive community. "The Hamptons was always considered like a second Newport (the first wealthy resort) ... and after about World War I, the Hamptons rises to become the very chic place, where it's really dubbed the American Riviera," Lawrance continues. "That's when Palm Beach also starts to rise because it becomes a winter

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resort, because travel is easier, people are taking more trains, people are taking more boats. ... The reason I was going to do the Palm Beach book was because Palm Beach and the Hamptons are pretty much summer and winter. It's the same people building the same houses, the same social world."

Lawrance points out that Palm Beach and West Palm Beach were founded by industrialist Henry Flagler, of Standard Oil, who made his way south in 1890 and completed the breathtaking, 1,100-room Royal Poinciana Hotel, Palm Beach Inn (now The Breakers) and his landmark Whitehall mansion by 1902. "Flagler extended the railroad and he brought it down to Palm Beach, which was mostly just swamp and alligators and untamed land," Lawrance says, noting that the railroad made it possible for more people to comfortably make the journey. "He sort of set it as the place to be."

Gary Lawrance at work on an architectural model.
Doug Young

Casa Bendita, built in 1921, demolished in 1961.
Courtesy Historical Society of Palm Beach County

Then, he explains, "It explodes as a major resort, and the houses get huge and monstrous, and it becomes a playground for the very rich." And with the well-heeled residents came a series of grand mansions. Sadly, many of the most famous homes did not survive as times changed in the post-World War II era. For most, their legacy remains only through photographs and stories, which Lawrance shares here.

Whitehall, 1902 – Palm Beach
Remains as a museum

One of the first Palm Beach mansions that equaled those that could be found in Newport and other Gilded Age locations, Henry Flagler's 55-room, white-stucco-columned edifice was also one of the largest in the first days of Palm Beach's transition from wood cottages to palatial grandeur. Designed by the noted architectural firm of Carrère and Hastings, Whitehall served as a hotel for many years before it was restored to its former self. It is now open to the public as a museum.

El Mirasol, 1919 – Palm Beach
Demolished in 1959

El Mirasol, "The Sunflower," was built for Edward T. Stotesbury and his wife Eva Stotesbury by star Palm Beach architect Addison Mizner. The 42-acre estate was entered off North County Road, which ran through the entire property. The eastern part was for the residence on the ocean and across the road to the west for gardens and pavilions. Another sprawling fantasy villa, it was always being expanded according to the Stotesburys' whims. It also was the scene of magical parties and galas. The Stotesburys had El Mirasol as their winter residence, as well as a palace-scale mansion outside of Philadelphia and another monumental summer house at Bar Harbor, Maine. Unfortunately, all three architectural

Cielito Lindo was eventually split in two, but the halves remain.
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Marjorie Merriweather Post's Mar-a-Lago.
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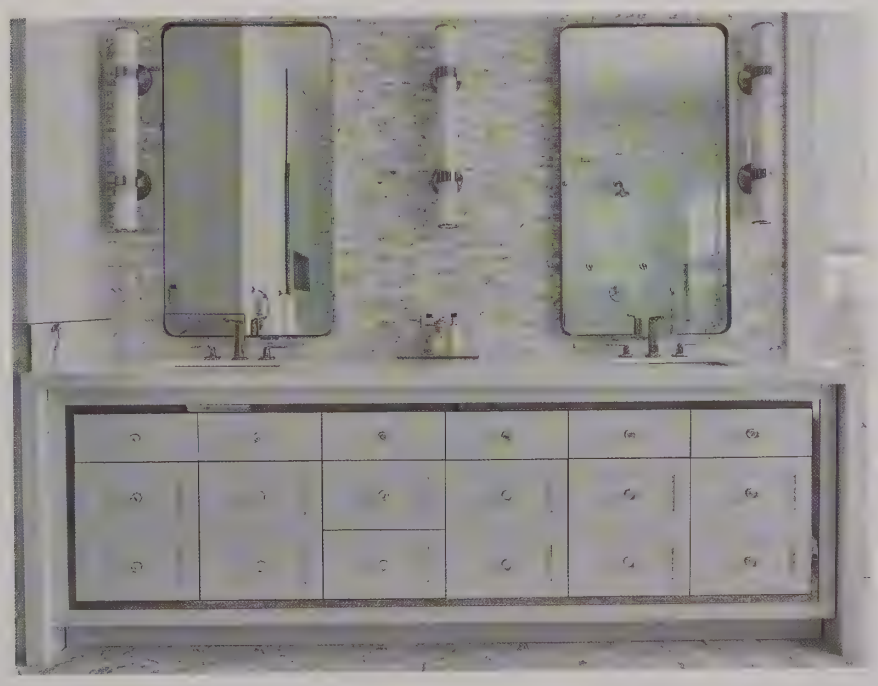

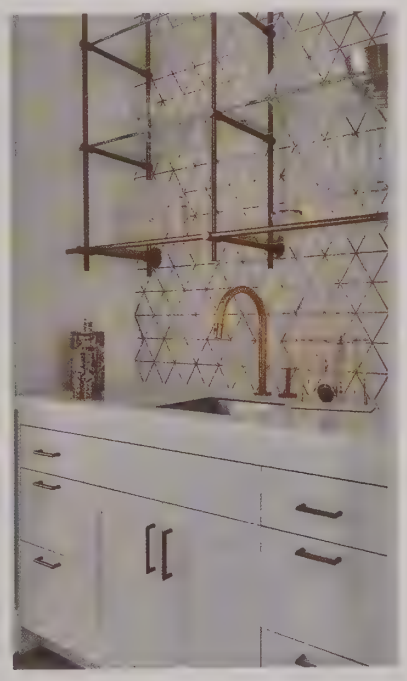

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treasures have been demolished, but El Mirasol's arch still stands (see page 46).

Casa Bendita, 1921 – Palm Beach
Demolished in 1961

Among Mizner's masterpieces, this sprawling and colonnaded winter dwelling of steel titan John S. Phipps was one of Palm Beach's largest homes. On North County Road, Casa Bendita, meaning "Blessed House," had two swimming pools and a tower that faced the Atlantic Ocean. The loss of this house in 1961 was a sad moment in Palm Beach architectural history. The gazebo remained for many years until it, too, was reduced to rubble in 2011.

Casa Florencia, 1922 – Palm Beach
Demolished in 1952

Built by Mizner in 1922 for Dr. Preston Pope Satterwhite and his wife Florence (the home's namesake), Casa Florencia was set on the water at South Ocean Boulevard. Florence, who was the extremely wealthy widow of James Martin, married Dr. Satterwhite in 1908 and continued with a life of entertaining, along with collecting art, antiques and jewels. The home was furnished with many fine European antiques from the couple's travels, but Florence only got to enjoy it for a few short years. After she died in 1927, Dr. Satterwhite sold the house. It was demolished in 1952 after being deemed outdated and too expensive to maintain.

Playa Riente, 1923 – Palm Beach
Demolished in 1957

Another Mizner home, Playa Riente, which means "Laughing Beach," was originally built for oil millionaire Joshua S. Cosden in 1923 on North Ocean Boulevard. Then in 1926, Anna Dodge and her husband Hugh Dillman bought the already large house and expanded it, creating an even more spectacular oceanfront home. Anna Dodge, who was the widow of Horace Dodge (of the fabulously wealthy automobile family), hosted elaborate parties and entertainment there, making her one of the queens of Palm Beach society. As the years passed, Anna had little use for Playa Riente. She tried to sell it in the 1950s, but no one wanted it as a private home, and the town of Palm Beach didn't want it to be used for anything but a private dwelling. She then held a huge auction of the contents and demolished this former epicenter of Palm Beach society. The property has since been subdivided for new grand homes, but nothing like the lost Playa Riente.

Cielito Lindo, 1927 – Palm Beach
Split in two, but still standing

Whitehall, the former home of Palm Beach founder Henry Flagler, is now a museum.
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With a name loosely translating to "A Piece of Heaven," this magnificent, 45,000-square-foot Mediterranean home, designed by Marion Sims Wyeth, was a perfect getaway for owner and Woolworth five-and-dime heiress Jessie Woolworth Donahue and her husband James Donahue. The famously rich owner of Wooldon Manor in Southampton was rejected by the Hamptons elite for having too much money, but Palm Beach society gladly embraced Donahue and her tremendous fortune. She sold the house in 1948, after her husband's suicide, and Cielito Lindo was later split in two in order to accommodate Kings Road, where it remains today.

Mar-a-Lago, 1927 – Palm Beach
Still standing as a private club

In a land of extra-extravagant mansions, the dreamlike, 62,500-square-foot, 126-room Xanadu creation designed by Wyeth for Marjorie Merriweather Post tops all others with the most rooms, the tallest towers, highest pricetag and the best location. If one were designing a mansion that was half home and half stage set, Mar-a-Lago (Spanish for sea-to-lake) fits the bill. As heir to her family's cereal fortune, Post was one of the richest women in the world at the time and filled her homes with the rarest antiques and treasures. And her entertainments were not to be missed, no matter what else was going on. If Hollywood had to create the ultimate Palm Beach mansion, it would be hard to top Mar-a-Lago — which of course is now owned, and made even more prominent (and infamous) by former President Donald Trump. Gilded interiors, beautifully colored tiles and mosaics, chandeliers, and silver and gold services at the tables — Marjorie wins the prize.

Find more about Gary Lawrance and his work, and links to his various Gilded Age-related accounts, at garylawrance.com.

Casa Florencia, named for owner Florence Satterwhite, met its end in 1952.
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Intricate details made of thousands of shells in a grotto that Christa Wilm at Christa's South Seashells worked on in Newport, Rhode Island, also seen on page 33.
Warren Jagger for Parker Construction

Start talking about seashells and the classic nursery rhyme, "She Sells Seashells," comes to mind. It is said that a renowned paleontologist and fossil collector, Mary Anning, inspired Terry Sullivan to write the tongue-twister. Though her work is far from child's play, Christa Wilm could inspire a modern-day tale.

Wilm has taken seashell art to another level, weaving marine mollusks into the backdrops of homes located in Palm Beach, along the East Coast and even abroad in France, Italy and Switzerland, and in hotels, such as The Breakers on Palm Beach and Faena Miami Beach.

Wilm is a self-described "natural collector," who has always had an interest in fossils. She has studied archaeology and is a former antiques dealer with a good eye, so it was a seamless transition when she began creating seashell art more than 20 years ago.

From her studio in West Palm Beach, she fashions high-quality, often functional seashell art. She also masterminds custom, intricate and unusual seashell pieces, fabricating furniture and fitted wall panels, even ceilings, all while working with a bevy of acclaimed designers and architects.

Wilm's seashell empire came about as a happy accident. A friend was visiting from Denver, Colorado, but was not greeted with Florida sunshine. "It was raining and bleak every day and my friend was getting sour," she recalls. Her partner in the antique shop had an idea to occupy their time indoors: He cut out a couple of mirrors, had them buy seashells at a local souvenir shop and then had them create beachy frames for the mirrors.

Customers noticed the seashell mirrors. "Everybody went kind of nuts," Wilm says with a laugh, "because seashells were out. Nobody did seashells back then. I started the old seashell thing again," she says.

She started collecting seashells, eventually buying from estates, and purchasing objects at an auction that she could encrust.

"Each time I would start encrusting something, it sold before it was even finished," she recalls of the early days. Soon her antique shop was carrying lots of items. "It just started getting bigger and bigger and it grew from there."

Custom orders followed. One customer wanted a candelabra done and it came out so well she bought some more and "dressed them up." Bookends, cigar boxes, hurricane lanterns, sconces — she has an eye for how to make the shapes of the seashells fit with the item's form. About five years ago, she added fine jewelry using seashells to the mix.

The seashells that she normally uses, whether bivalves or univalves, have been collected by divers. "They're not ones that wash up on the beach, although I love those seashells and I do, when I get a chance, collect some of those and put them in some of my work. Some of the jagged and crusty ones that I have, I love. I've seen so many perfect shells over the years now, I like the jagged crusty ones that have the little barnacles growing on them."

Wilm has developed relationships with a handful of importers. Depending on the project and specifications, she could be using hundreds, if not thousands of shells. She uses a variety of shells — some nautilus shells are as little as four inches, some are 2-feet by 3-feet. Pectens, (a kind of scallop) are great for covering a large space that needs to be flat. Oyster shells are very on-trend now. "In general I like to mix shells. I use a lot of snails, a lot of bivalves. Snails are just beautiful for mirrors and things."

"Some are the companies that everybody buys from and some of them aren't. Some of them are quite special and are so kind — they actually help me handpick corals. If I'm doing a job, I often need pairs of things."

Sadly, half the world's coral is dead, Wilm explains. Everything imported has to be approved through the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and the guidelines are strict. When it comes to the corals, for instance, "If I have to, I can tell you from the cradle to the grave where that coral has

really been."

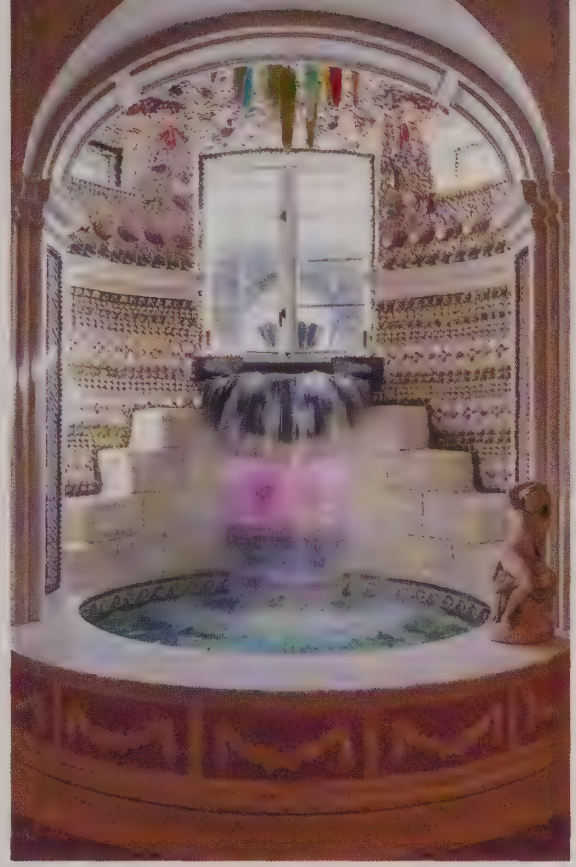
Her sources are vast. She loves attending the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, the largest, oldest and most prestigious gem and mineral show in the world. "All the fabulous things that come out of the earth are at that show," she says.

Wilm hails from Denver. "I was kind of a weird kid. I always brought home bird's nests and little bones and feathers and stuff like that," she remembers. "I love fossils and I sewed myself this kind of weird big leather bag that I used to cart around in high school and put my finds in. I had favorite little rocks that were with me all the time."

She ended up getting a degree in journalism from the University of Missouri and went on to work as a press secretary and television producer in Washington, D.C. during the Reagan years. Because of her interest in natural history, she has taken lots of archaeology courses, even one at Harvard when she later lived in Boston.

When she moved down to Florida and was having her son, she decided to transition from a career in real estate to antiques. Her aunt had been in the business for many years in Chicago and had a dealership that was one of the biggest west of the Mississippi, which helped her and her partner get started. Christa's South Antiques "ended up being one of the nicest antique dealers, shops on Antique Row," she says.

The shop evolved over time and when Wilm began creating with seashells, the name changed to Christa's South Antiques and Seashells. "Then came 2008, and antiques went right out the window," she says. "So we quit carrying antiques and it became Christa's South Seashells."



A larger view of the shell-adorned spa in a grotto within a private home in Newport. *Warren Jagger for Parker Construction*

Thirty-foot wall panels for the Mayfair Supper Club at the Bellagio Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas *James McDonald*

It was open for more than 25 years, until she decided to close the doors about five years ago.

She found the retail side "was eating up all of my time" and she had no time to create. Her current studio, open by appointment only, is located on Belvedere Road, right around the corner from West Palm Beach's Antique Row.

She also sells items on Chairish.com, the online marketplace for unique and one-of-a-kind furniture, art and home decor (just search for Christa's South Seashells). As one might imagine, "My stuff is not fun to ship," she says with a laugh.

Items currently range from $8,500 for an eight-light chandelier to $670 for a contemporary miniature shell-encrusted Hygiea head. (She buys cast marble heads and busts from Greece).

The largest project she has undertaken was on Bellevue Avenue in Newport for Ron Fleming, a town planner and preservationist, who wanted to create a grotto underneath a

A contemporary shell encrusted bust *Courtesy of Christa's South Seashells*

A Nantucket fireplace includes rustic shells, natural corals, Moroccan ammonites and even an inscribed stone from the clients' wedding. *Brian Sager Photography*

A mushroom coral brooch is set with unusual blue Mexican Limpet and a faceted 12-carat pink topaz. *Courtesy of Christa's South Seashells*

library in a historic home. The nymphaeum has a swim-through to the outdoor pool from a spa and Wilm used thousands of seashells for the project.

"All the walls and the ceiling, I did all in pink seashells and pearl seashells and pink quartz," she explains. "And the front, the front big tub, has a half-round wall behind it with a fountain and we did all the walls in the seashells. Then we did all the columns that are around the spa area we did in beautiful little Japanese tellins — pink ones. It was just all hand-picked and it took us months and months and months, and we had to fly up and do a lot of it on site."

Most of Wilm's work is done from her studio, even large-scale pieces. Right before the pandemic began, she installed 30 seashell-covered panels for the Mayfair Supper Club at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas, designed by the noted architect Martin Brudnizki. The main part of the work is done on panels–some flat wooden panels and some mesh, similar to how a mosaic is made. Once in Las Vegas, "it takes some guts to install," she admits, but the panels are also not as delicate as one might think. Several varieties of marine epoxy are used to keep the shells stuck on.

"Since I started doing this, seashell artists have popped up all over the place," she says. "What we do is not easy and I dare them to copy me. We do projects that are so intense. They cannot fall off the wall. These panels cannot fall down from Bellagio's dining room!" she says, adding, "I have become an expert on adhesives and installations and working with architects and designers to create and properly install the project of their dreams."

A custom white marble fireplace with a grouted shell mosaic was created for a North End home on Palm Beach Island. ***Courtesy of Christa's South Seashells***

Functional art in this seashell-encrusted lamp ***Brian Sager Photography***

Wilm, inside her West Palm Beach studio, next to a case of her seashell fine jewelery. ***Annie Watt Photography***

What Wilm does best is what she calls "organic design. It's all balanced. It's all symmetrical in its own way, it's very organically placed, very textural."

"A lot of contemporary houses, they tend to be colorless and kind of flat, and my seashells, even if they want it all white, it's very textural. It brings texture and light into some of these contemporary homes, which can tend to be kind of harsh."

She describes herself as an artisan, not an artist in the true sense, she says, "because I don't create the base work. . . . I just encrust them. I definitely have an artistic flair because I put the shells in the right places. But I'm also using God's creations. I mean, God's the greatest designer and I use God's creations and I just put them together."

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story by Taylor K. Vecsey

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It's not as astronomical as it might sound. Another penthouse unit in the other building at Breakers Row traded for $17.68 million in September, according to The *Palm Beach Daily* — its original asking price of $19.995 million was the record at the time. Dana Koch of the Corcoran Group, who is representing No. N 4, says this listing is even more desirable.

"The luxury market is obviously on fire," says Koch. "Every month it's been appreciating."

The penthouse — one of only a handful in the two buildings — is 3,500-square-feet. It is "sprawling in the sense that you have eastern views, southern views — southeast — from the terrace. It's beautiful," Koch says of his new listing. All of the bedrooms face west, giving panoramic views of the city and the Breakers golf course. His listing also offers 10-foot ceilings, a rarity even in luxury Palm Beach condos.

When the COVID-19 pandemic broke out in the United States two years ago, city dwellers with means sought refuge where they could have more space and privacy. "The same thing that happened in the Hamptons, happened here," Koch says of Palm Beach. "People were migrating out of the city."

Since it was March and spring break, lots of families were in Florida for vacation "and some of them never left," Koch remembers. "We had a huge run on seasonal rentals in March and April 2020 and people were terrified. They didn't want to go back to NYC for obvious reasons."

People who had been considering a move to Florida, those who had been "dipping their toe in the water prior to the pandemic," now made a decision. "They dove into the shallow end. They moved so fast you couldn't imagine. There was an overwhelming amount of buyers moving from places like New York City."

Initially, buyers shied away from condos. "What ended up happening was, at the end of 2020 and beginning of 2021, people had a little more of a comfort level of what was going on. The condo market picked up significantly," Koch says.

And it has not dipped since — not even in June of 2021 when a 12-story beachfront condominium in the Miami suburb of Surfside partially collapsed, killing 98

people. While the exact cause has yet to be determined, the investigation has focused on the degradation of concrete structural support due to water penetration and corrosion.

"It still is a topic of conversation," Koch says. "As I tell people . . . . Is there a building falling every day? No. It was an anomaly. The building wasn't taken care of properly," adding that building codes in Palm Beach are stringent and condo boards are well-versed and diligent.

Buyers are keenly aware of what happened and ask more questions about a building's structural integrity than ever before, he adds.

Condos Trailed Single-Family Homes, But Not By Much

Rosalind Clarke of Premier Estate Properties, who has 34 years in the business, says the problem is certainly supply and demand. "There is way more demand than we can supply," she says.

While Florida handled the pandemic differently than New York, "I think there were COVID protocols in all the buildings," Clarke says, adding that Palm Beach has one of the highest numbers of vaccinations per capita in the country. "I think that made people very comfortable."

Prices have increased enormously, Clarke says. "I'm finding with the condo market, it actually trails the housing market, but it's definitely caught up."

Koch explains there were several factors other than getting comfortable with living in a pandemic. The housing market was moving at such a rapid pace that buyers couldn't find exactly what they wanted. Condos in quality buildings have been, in some cases, "placeholders," until buyers can find a single-family home of their dreams.

"Two years ago, people could sit on the Zillows of the world and essentially pick and choose. If they found something they liked, they could tell an agent, 'I'll be down in a couple of weeks.' . . . you don't have that luxury anymore," Koch says. "You have to be ready to act and act quickly."

Since December 2020 when the condo market picked up again, inventory levels have fallen significantly. At the time of this interview in early March, there were 24 condos in-town, which are at a premium, across every single price point. "There are some buildings in New York that have 24 units for sale!" Koch says. There were 36 condos available on the south end.

"Sixty apartments for sale in Palm Beach — that's mindboggling from an inventory perspective," he says. "There's got to be thousands" of condos, he adds.

With a view like that, it's easy to understand the $21.75 million asking price for unit No. N PH 4 at 2 N. Breakers Row, listed with The Koch Team at The Corcoran Group.
Living Proof Photography

The expansive outdoor terrace for the penthouse at 2 Breakers Row.
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The single-family home market is no different. There are more than 2,200 houses in Palm Beach, but fewer than 40 houses for sale, and out of 6,500 pieces of property, only about 100 parcels of land for sale, at the time of the interview.

"We're selling ourselves out of a job," Koch says with just a bit of a laugh.

A Penthouse for Everyone

A penthouse that Clarke was representing at the iconic 300 South Ocean Boulevard, on the ocean in Midtown Palm Beach, just went into contract. The one-bedroom apartment was asking $9.3 million.

Though it was on the market last year, the owners decided to take it off the market because they didn't need to sell it. This time, it went on the market in December, before finding a buyer in early March.

Being a one-bedroom, there may be "a slight deterrent" for some, but Clarke says it is "one of the most exceptional apartments on the island. It has this huge terrace and then fantastic ocean views."

The 3,864-square-foot pad is located in what Clarke calls a boutique building, originally designed in the 1960s by noted architect Howard Chilton, known as the vanguard of the Modernist movement. "Featuring his signature curvilinear silhouette, the six-floor, 45-unit building is on the corner of Ocean Boulevard and Brazilian, four blocks from tony Worth Avenue's boutique shopping and fine dining venues," a description reads.

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on loan, museum-quality art in the lobby," Clarke says. The lobby, recently upgraded, has a midcentury look, with "white-glove services," including a full-time doorman, onsite manager and maintenance staff, as well as a gym and pool.

Scott Gordon and Mindy Gordon of Douglas Elliman Real Estate brought Penthouse 501S at 3100 South Ocean Boulevard to the market earlier this month at $8.9 million — the most expensive on South Ocean, at press time, Scott Gordon says.

It's one of just 40 units available on South Ocean Blvd., when there were about 300 pre-COVID. "It's a great indication of the condominium market," he says.

With nearly 5,000 square feet of living space, Gordon says it is "a one-of-a-kind" with direct oceanfront to lakefront views with two balconies overlooking the ocean, pool and Intracoastal Waterway.

Located in Palm Beach Hampton, an ultra-luxury oceanfront building, the penthouse offers customized finishes, from custom closets to porcelain wood-style flooring throughout. There are three bedrooms and five-and-a-half-baths, including an owner's dual suite with a bedroom, two luxurious bathrooms and an office.

Luxury All the Way

Condo living has its perks, especially in luxury buildings. "It's the ease of convenience. They can shut the door and not worry about anything," Koch says.

Many purchasers are looking at condos from a lifestyle perspective. "They are looking for views, on the ocean or the

The penthouse unit 501S at 3100 S. Ocean Blvd. offers nearly 5,000 square feet of living space and was just listed at $8.9 million with Scott and Mindy Gordon of Douglas Elliman Real Estate.
Courtesy Douglas Elliman Real Estate

The penthouse at 501S comes with an air-conditioned cabana at the pool, one of just 23.
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Two balconies, including one off the VIP guest suite, offer water views from the penthouse at 3100 South Ocean Blvd.
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When this penthouse at 2 N. Breakers Row came on the market recently with the Koch Team, it broke the record for the priciest listing on Palm Beach Island.
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The Koch Team says their listing offers a thoughtful floorplan with high ceilings and art lighting.
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Intracoastal. Does it skew toward an older buyer? Yes," but the demographic is changing.

Clarke, a British native who moved to Palm Beach in 1979, has lived in a condo since 2006. "I like my beautiful view of the ocean. I like the fact that one can leave town and know that someone is looking after everything. It's an added feeling of security."

What amenities are buyers looking for in high-end condominiums in Palm Beach? "I think everybody wants a gym, but there are one or two (buildings) that don't have a gym. I would say that's a prerequisite for a lot of buyers. There are some good gyms locally and in some cases, people have a gym inside their apartment."

"In the old days, the buildings used to have party rooms. They are not as popular anymore," Clarke remembers. Now, it's all about "full-time service — that goes without saying. A good manager is also very important," she says.

"It's a great choice of lifestyle," she adds. "I just wish we had more condos."

What's Ahead

Downtown West Palm Beach has seen a lot of new construction. In The Bristol, which offers views of the Intracoastal and the ocean, there is not a single apartment left. La Clara, with 83 residences that won't be completed for a year, is pretty much sold out. Forté, a collection of 41 residences, is 70% sold. Everyone seems to be waiting for the Flagler Towers, a two-building development designed by Robert A.M. Stern Architects, to come on the market.

Rosalind Clarke's penthouse listing at 300 S. Blvd. is now in contract with a last asking price of $9.3 million.
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Clarke's listing offers ocean views, not just from the terrace, but from the main living area. *Courtesy of Premier Estate Properties*

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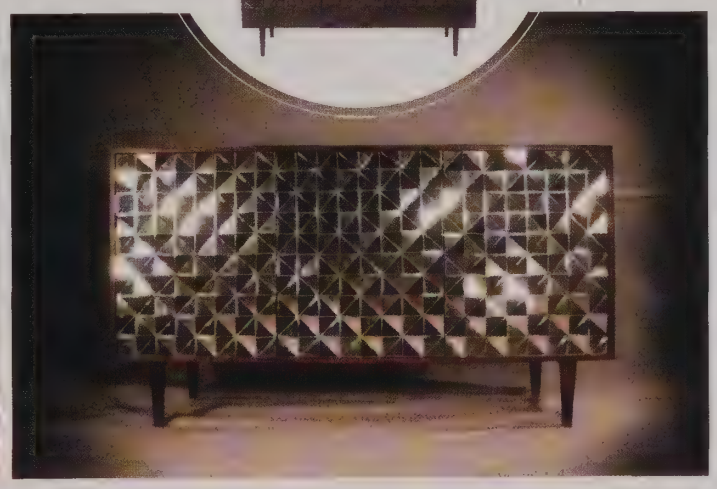

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Real Estate Fever Rises With Temps

story by ***Taylor K. Vecsey***

As the winter season draws to a close, large luxury sales trading in the Palm Beach area are heating up.

The founder of Fiji Water made a splash when he sold his estate at 5 Golfview Road in Palm Beach for $44.93 million, *The Palm Beach Daily News* reported earlier this month. David Harrison Gilmour, a Canadian businessman who sold the water company for $50 million in 2004, bought the now 8,619-square-foot house for $3.75 million in 1997. The home was sold privately.

In late January, a residence near the North End of Palm Beach Island sold for $22.5 million — after selling in June 2021 for $18 million. The turnkey, approximately 7,200-square-foot home at 365 North Country Road sits on an oversized 24,400-square-foot lot, close to the beach and with prime entry to the Lake Trail. The formal entrance features the historic tiled arch, originally from the iconic Stotesbury Estate, El Mirasol, which was otherwise demolished in 1959. Margit Brandt of Compass represented the seller.

Paulette and Dana Koch represented the seller of 755 North Lake Way in Palm Beach, new construction that just sold for $9.9 million. The 4,200-square-foot, four-bedroom home is close to the beach, Lake Trail and town. Amenities include a custom kitchen with Sub-Zero appliances, a Lutron lighting system, high ceilings and landscaping by the noted architectural landscape firm Nievera Williams. Jacqueline Gulla of Douglas Elliman Real Estate brought the buyer.

On the luxury condo market, a corner penthouse with breathtaking ocean and city skyline views at 400 South Ocean Boulevard sold for $5,096,000 on January 31.

Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors allow for access to the terrace from the living room and dining room and from both bedrooms, and there are 10-foot ceilings throughout. The building, designed by renowned architect Edward Durell Stone, features a striking atrium water garden and a penthouse level pool with a sundeck, function room and exercise room — all with ocean views. The building also provides for six guest bedrooms for residents' guests.

Jim Cosel and Dennis Gallo of Sotheby's International Realty had the listing and Dana and Paulette Koch of Corcoran brought the buyers.

In prestigious Sloan's Curve, 2100 South Ocean Boulevard, a move-in ready Apartment 204N sold for $3.05 million on January 31. Maureen Woodward of Brown Harris Stevens represented the seller's three-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath condo, which features a wraparound balcony with ocean and Intracoastal views. The apartment comes with a 287-square-foot poolside cabana/bath/kitchen, as well. Sloan's Curve offers a tennis complex with a pro shop, pool and beach with attendants, a professional gym, a full-time doorman, garage parking for two cars and a security guard gate. The last ask was $3.3 million.

The historic tiled arch at 365 N. Country Road is from the former El Mirasol estate. For more, flip to page 16. *Shawn Hood Media*

The home at 365 N. Country Road traded for $22.5 million. *Shawn Hood Media*

View from Sloan's Curve condo *Courtesy of Brown Harris Stevens*

Penthouse A at 400 South Ocean Blvd. sold for just over $5 million. *Andy Frame Photography*

755 North Lake Way sold for $9.9 million. *Courtesy of The Corcoran Group*

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When did WRG begin to dip its toes in the Florida art market?

The first fair we did in Florida was 2019. Our initial business model did not have us literally taking it on the road, but a major component of the art scene is being seen, and the traffic at the Florida fairs was just too great to ignore, especially following our recent success at Market Art + Design in Bridgehampton. ...

We did Scope last year and in 2019. COVID obviously prevented all the fairs from happening in 2020. We looked into other Florida fairs but what we continually like about Scope is the energy and curatorial appreciation. The beach location is an asset, as well, because it puts everybody in a good mood. And good moods often facilitate sales. We plan to do Scope again in '22 but the Palm Beach Art Fair is definitely on our radar.

What services does WRG provide Florida and international buyers?

In 2019, there was more of an international presence, but the lingering pall and restrictions of COVID kept many of those collectors away this past year. Several of our buyers at Scope '21 were Florida residents, so we actually had a number of pieces delivered by our art mover. He also installed the works and was the same person who drove the work to Florida. ... For our international and out-of-state buyers, we have several shipping brokers we work with. And yes, our Florida list of collectors has grown significantly.

How is the Florida art market similar to the Hamptons market?

We find the markets quite similar. Nelson De La Nuez incorporates humor and a myriad of styles into his pop art and that is universally well-received. The same reception holds true for Russell Young's diamond dust icons. Giancarlo Impiglia and Punk Me Tender's vibrant use of color does very well in Florida. We weren't sure how Bob Tabor's black and white horses were going to go over as they are more of a Hampton Classic kind of vibe, but they did great. Our abstract, mixed media, photography and sculpture are always well-received regardless of the region. Water and beach themes resonate in both markets, as well. The parallels make sense really as many of our Hamptons collectors also have homes in Florida and vice versa. ...

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Book Review: *The Jews of Long Island*

BY JUSTIN MITSELMAKHER

From bagel shops to Billy Joel, Jewish people helped shape Long Island and the East End, with their contributions detailed in author Brad Kolodny's latest book, *The Jews of Long Island: 1705–1918* (State University of New York Press).

Kolodny, president of the Jewish Historical Society of Long Island, released his second book on the first of the month. At its core, the book is a work of investigative journalism that gives new life to people long gone.

While Long Island developed a growing Jewish population in the years following World War II and the early days of suburbia, Kolodny says Judaism on Long Island prior to the end of World War I hasn't been thoroughly explored, until now. In the two years since the start of the pandemic, Kolodny's research of sources such as newspapers, cemeteries and census records produced the book of over 300 pages identifying 4,400 Jews living in 75 various communities in Suffolk and Nassau counties.

"I'm looking to dispel the notion that Jews really only moved to Long Island after World War II," Kolodny says. "I certainly also hope that it will bring a level of appreciation for Long Island Jews about the history that exists in their towns that they might not have known about before."

The book is laid out in two parts divided by county. Nassau communities — including Freeport, Glen Cove and Hempstead — comprise the first part followed by Suffolk, with places such as Huntington, Kings Park and Setauket.

Each locale functions as its own chapter, starting with a narrative on some of its residents and ending with a table listing all the Jewish townspeople's names, birth/death years, familial ties and occupations.

"The biggest challenge was that I wanted to make sure that everybody that I found was Jewish, and did live on Long Island before 1918," Kolodny says. "I absolutely had to verify that the person was Jewish and just having a Jewish-sounding name did not qualify for being Jewish."

To determine one's Jewishness, Kolodny looked for specifically listed mother tongues on the U.S. census (Hebrew, Yiddish, Jewish), records of participation/membership in Jewish organizations and synagogues, or burial in Jewish cemeteries.

The search for answers led Kolodny down a rabbit hole of scouring World War I registration papers, death certificates, business advertisements in local papers and even visiting and photographing tombstones.

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"I used every resource that was available to me to help build the story of these individuals, and then kind of weave them together when it came to the narrative of an entire crowd," Kolodny says. "There was one particular merchant named Jacob Meyer in Riverhead, and his advertisements were these beautiful ads with pencil drawings of chic models who were selling high-end clothing. So you knew that Jacob Meyer's store was a little bit more sophisticated than somebody who was a shoemaker or a tailor."

While digital archives verified individuals and added colorful information, Kolodny also found the descendants of the people he was writing about. He spoke of visiting the Amityville Men's Shop, founded by Louis Cohn in 1911, and listening to the current owner recount stories of his grandfather Cohn through his own experiences with him.

"In the pages of the book, there are so many names that it's really just a name," Kolodny says. "But when you can hear about their life from somebody who knew them firsthand, it just brought it much more to life for me."

Kolodny even utilized Jewish geography — the phenomenon where Jews find personal connections to fellow Jews due to historically tight-knit communities — to learn the history behind the book's cover image.

At first, all Kolodny knew was that it was a wedding photo taken at the synagogue in Lindenhurst. After showing the picture to two different people who were able to identify their own family members in the photo, Kolodny discovered both the groom and bride's names and the exact date of when the picture was taken.

"Part of Judaism, I think, is making connections with other people," he says. "*L'dor v'dor*, that means from generation to generation. And in this book you can see two, three, four different generations of people living in the same town."

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LIVE SHOWS

TRIVIA NIGHT AT SANNINO VINEYARD

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 6-8 P.M.

If you know a lot about pop music, get your team of six together and head on over to Sannino Vineyard. Meanwhile, enjoy glass specials and a friendly atmosphere.

15975 County Road 48, Cutchogue. 631-734-8282, sanninovineyard.com

CHOCOLATE PAIRING 2022 MARCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, NOON-2 P.M.

Reserve your tickets ahead of time for this quintessentially North Fork event. The $30 ticket includes three handmade chocolates from the North Fork Chocolate Company that are perfectly paired with three Pindar Vineyards wines.

37645 Main Road, Peconic. 631-734-6200, pindar.net

THE SITTING DUCKS AT OSPREY'S DOMINION

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1-4 P.M.

The Sitting Ducks is a rockin' trio playing all of your favorite hits from the 1960s to the '90s. Enjoy some bubbly and an elegant atmosphere to complete the afternoon.

44075 Main Road, Peconic. 631-765-6188, ospreysdominion.com

MELANIE MORIN AT JAMESPORT FARM BREWERY

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1-5 P.M.

Enjoy the tunes of Melanie Morin in a heated outdoor tent with additional seating. Morin blends jazz, funk and R&B and the Jamesport Farm Brewery offers plenty of delicious pints and ciders.

5873 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. 844-532-2337, jfbrewery.com

THE COMO BROTHERS AT JASON'S VINEYARD

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1:30-5 P.M.

The Como Brothers are Long Island natives who are passionate about songwriting. Enjoy their upbeat, acoustic sound at Jason's Vineyard, where you can sample an elegant tasting room and atmosphere.

1785 Main Road, Jamesport. 631-238-5801, jasonsvineyard.com

North Fork EVENTS

ROUTE 48 AT GREENPORT HARBOR BREWERY

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 4-7 P.M.

Enjoy the soulful sounds of Route 48 at the Greenport Harbor Brewery, where you'll enjoy craft beers and a groovy atmosphere.

42155 Main Road, Peconic. 631-477-1100, greenportharborbrewing.com

DINNY KEG AT BISTRO 72

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 6-9 P.M.

Join the Dinny Keg band, which covers bands like U2, Coldplay, the Rolling Stones and Train. Meanwhile, enjoy Bistro 72's snacks, small plates and cocktails.

1830 West Main Street, Riverhead. 631-639-3325, bistro-72.com

NORTH FORK COUNTRY BARN DANCE WITH DEANNA

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 7:30-10:30 P.M.

Enjoy music and dancing with lessons by Deanna and you can bring your own snacks and drinks! Tickets are $15 and can be purchased in advance only.

2746 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. 631-875-0433, spiritspromise.com

THE LORDS OF 52ND STREET

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 8 P.M.

Don't miss your opportunity to catch the band that recorded many of Billy Joel's classic albums, including *The Stranger*, *52nd Street* and *Glass Houses*. Tickets are $45–$55 and doors open at 7 p.m.

118 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343, suffolktheater.com

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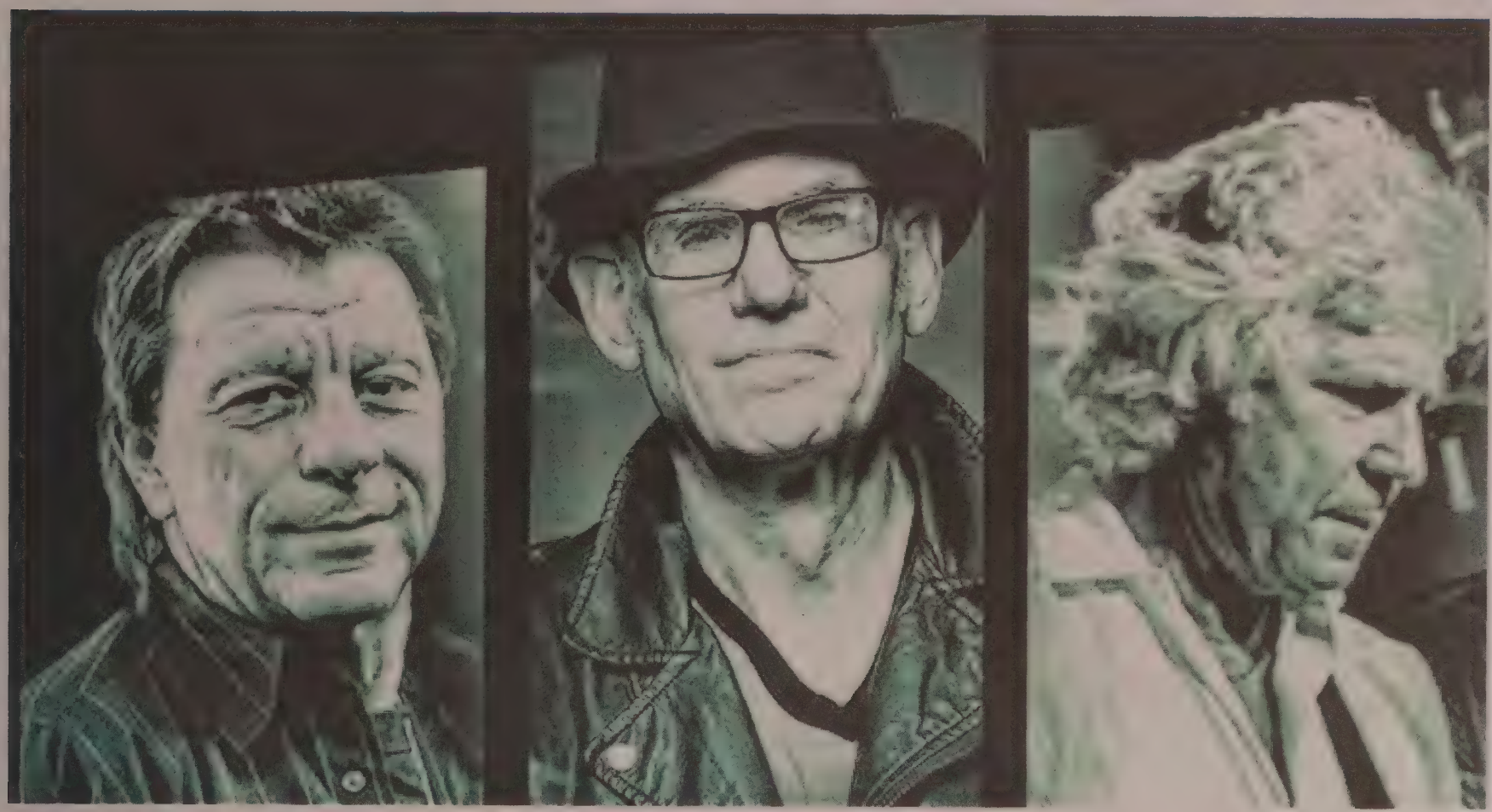
OUT & ABOUT ON THE NORTH FORK



COURTESY SUFFOLK THEATER

THE LORDS OF 52ND STREET ARE PLAYING SUFFOLK THEATER.

ALL AGES SKATE
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1-4 P.M.

Bring your friends and family to the Greenport American Legion, where tickets include a skate rental and unlimited tricks around the rink. Tickets are $10 for skaters and $5 for non-skaters.
121 Third Street, Greenport. greenportamericanlegion.org

SALUTE TO THE ACADEMY AWARDS WITH MITCH KAHN
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2-3:15 P.M.

Join singer, pianist, arranger and band leader Mitch Kahn as he performs a nostalgia-packed concert featuring award-winning tunes from the Academy Awards. Register ahead of time online.
13900 Main Road, Mattituck. 631-298-4134, mattitucklaurellibrary.org

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

EAST END FOOD MARKET
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 9 A.M.-2 P.M.

If you love locally grown produce, head on over to the East End Food Market, where you can sample the wares of local food, wine and craft vendors. There is also music, activities and volunteers and experts to chat with about your discoveries.
139 Main Road, Riverhead. 631-353-8846, eastendfood.org/what-we-do/riverhead-winter-market

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LEPRECHAUN FUN RUN
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 9-11 A.M.

The whole family can get out and about for this 1-mile walk/run/jog. T-shirts and refreshments will be handed out at the end of the event.
100 Howell Avenue, Riverhead. 631-727-3200, riverheadrecreation.net

CRAFT FAIR AT THE BISTRO
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 11 A.M.

Check out the wares of local merchants on a heated outdoor deck. You can also enjoy live music and lunch if you make a reservation ahead of time!
3225 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. 631-381-0519, soundbistroriverhead.com

VIRTUAL EVENTS

FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUE: PAT LAMARCHE ON HOMELESSNESS
FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 7-8 P.M.

Don't miss this special presentation with Pat LaMarche, who has worked for the rights of people in poverty for most of her career as a journalist and author. Her most recent series of books, *Pricilla, Princess of the Park,* is based on several homeless people she has known.
37 North Ferry Road, Shelter Island. 631-749-0042, shelterislandpubliclibrary.org

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TASTY START FOOD FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 3-4 P.M.

Join Long Island's own Chef Rob while you create spring delights like avocado and chick pea salad, spring green onion and sour cream biscuits and spring asparagus with mozzarella cheese. Advanced registration is required. Specific instructions will be sent to registrants.
27550 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-6360, cutchoguelibrary.org

CHAIR & RESTORATIVE YOGA
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 10-11:15 A.M.

Join this special session that will strengthen your mind, body and soul through stretching and posing. You'll need a yoga mat, chair and towel. Register ahead of time for Zoom info.
53709 Main Road, Southold. 631-765-2077, southoldlibrary.org

WHALING ON LONG ISLAND
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Don't miss this Zoom lecture presented by the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum via Zoom. Learn about a time when whalers roamed the streets between voyages, shipbuilders worked in harbors and captains charted their expeditions.
330 Court Street, Riverhead. 631-727-3228, riverheadlibrary.org

ART EXHIBITIONS

ANDRE WORRELL: DEM PEOPLES DEM / MONKEY FUNNY BOY
MARCH 19-MAY 20

Don't miss the debut of this exhibit featuring four groupings of new paintings and works on paper. Andre Worrell was born and raised in Trinidad and is currently based out of New York City and Long Island. His work is an amalgamation of African, European and Amerindian influences.
311 Front Street, Greenport. 631-603-7736, vsopprojects.com

SILVERBROOK ART GLASS WORKS

This exhibition at the Suffolk County Historical Society Museum features hand-blown glass manufactured by centuries-old techniques by the Kreutz Brothers of Riverhead, who are fifth-generation glass-blowers.
300 Main Street, Riverhead. 631-729-2881, suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org

WHAT TO DO. WHERE TO GO. WHERE TO PLAY.

OUT & ABOUT IN THE HAMPTONS

SUPPORT FURRY LADS AND LASSES OR GRAB SOMETHING FOR YOUR PET AT THE ARF FOOD PANTRY.

THE HAMPTON BAYS ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE RETURNS IN 2022.

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LIVE SHOWS

TOM WARDLE AT WÖLFFER ESTATE

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 5-8 P.M.

Tom Wardle's soulful tunes will grace the tasting room at Wölffer Estate, where you can enjoy elegant wines, ciders and spirits along with a candlelight atmosphere.

139 Saag Road, Sagaponack. 631-539-5106, wolffer.com

LIVE MUSIC AT COWFISH FEATURING TJ FOX

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 6-9 P.M.

Enjoy the upbeat, acoustic sounds of TJ Fox live at Cowfish, where the spectacular views, succulent seafood and friendly service all get high ratings from diners.

258 East Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays. 631-594-3868, cowfishrestaurant.com

Hamptons EVENTS

ARF FOOD PANTRY

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 12-3 P.M.

This Saturday, ARF's food pantry will be open for both food donations and the distribution of pet food at the Petco in Bridgehampton Commons. Unopened packages of both wet and dry dog and cat food are needed.

2044 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. 631-537-0400, arfhamptons.org/programsservices/pet-food-pantry

YOGA & LIVE MUSIC

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 9 A.M.

Join certified yoga instructor Christine Panico for a weekly one-hour beginner yoga class in a private room above EHP Resort & Marina's SiSi Restaurant. She is joined by Gian Carlo who will be playing sitar live for the class each week. Yoga mats and blocks will be provided. Classes are $35; free for EHP Resort guests.

295 Three Mile Harbor Hog Creek Road, East Hampton. ehpresort.com

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

HAMPTON BAYS ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 11 A.M.

Don't miss your chance to get a little green in Hampton Bays. The parade starts at the Hampton Bays Elementary School and travels down Ponquogue Avenue to Montauk Highway.

72 Ponquogue Avenue, Hampton Bays. hbstpatricksdayparade.com

PASSPORT TO PARKS: HITHER HILLS STATE PARK

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1 P.M.

Head out to Montauk to check out the trails less traveled and to get a "passport" booklet with a sticker for each park you visit. Space is limited and reservations are required.

164 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-581-1072, parks.ny.gov/parks/hitherhills

VIRTUAL EVENTS

FITNESS FOR OLDER ADULTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 11 A.M.-NOON

Join fitness instructor Renae Puco as she teaches this basic exercise class geared toward the needs of older adults. Puco teaches classes in body toning, Pilates and Zumba. Register ahead of time and a Zoom ID and password will be emailed to you.

159 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0222, easthamptonlibrary.org

EAST END LIBRARIES PRESENT: MOLLY HASKEL, WOMEN & FILM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 7-8 P.M.

Don't miss your chance to celebrate Women's History Month with Molly Haskell, a feminist film critic and author. Haskell has reviewed for *New York Magazine* and *Vogue*. Email the library with the subject "Molly Haskell" for the Zoom link.

52 Ponquogue Avenue, Hampton Bays. 631-728-6241, dvalle@hamptonbayslibrary.org, hamptonbayslibrary.org

ART EXHIBITIONS

TOUR THE WATERMILL CENTER

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2:30-4 P.M.

Take in a cool spring afternoon at The Watermill Center, which operates year-round as an artist residency. You'll view a fantastic art collection, well-manicured gardens and an extensive library. Dress for both indoor and outdoor exploration.

39 Water Mill Towd Road, Water Mill. 631-726-4628, watermillcenter.org

ENCOUNTERS: RECENT ACQUISITIONS TO THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

ON VIEW THROUGH APRIL 3

Enjoy this special collection of works from artists who have a special relationship to the East End. Some were born and raised here, while others maintained studios here for decades. The artists represent a deep connection to the local environment and community through their work.

279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-283-2118, parrishart.org

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO, WHERE TO PLAY.

OUT & ABOUT WITH THE KIDS

CURATED BY REBEKAH YAHOVES

TOP 5 FAMILY EVENTS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK

STEAM: SHAVING CREAM SWIRL

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Your 3 or 4 year old can head on over to Project Most, where they will learn to swirl liquid watercolors in bowls heaped with fluffy shaving cream to experiment with color mixing. Advanced registration is required.

92 Three Mile Harbor Road, East Hampton. 631-604-2777, projectmost.org

YOUNG BIRDER'S CLUB

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 10 A.M.

Your little birder ages 8–18 will get outdoors and make new friends with this special program a the South Fork Natural History Museum. They will learn about a wide variety of species in local areas. The program is free but advanced registration is required.

377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-9735, sofo.org

BUBBLE WRAP FLOWER ART

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 11 A.M.

If your mini artist in grades 4–12 loves bubble wrap and art, give them a chance to combine their interests at the Westhampton Free Library. The program will be held virtually, but registration is required for the video link and flower kit.

7 Library Avenue, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3335, westhamptonlibrary.net

THE COLOR GREEN STORYTIME

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 11 A.M.

Join the John Jermain Library to celebrate the Emerald Isle and all things St. Patrick. You'll talk about every shade of green there is, including lime, kelly and neon. No registration is required.

201 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0049, johnjermain.org

BABIES BOOGIE AND TODDLERS TANGO

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 10:15-11 A.M.

Boogie on over to the Rogers Memorial Library, where little ones ages 3 months to 5 years can clap, stomp and wiggle to the beat while improving fine motor skills and learning music appreciation skills.

91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. 631-283-0774, myrml.org

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FAMILY FUN ATTRACTIONS ON THE EAST END

THE ALL-STAR

Beyond your typical bowling experience, The All-Star offers options like Hyperbowling, which is an impressive blend of electronics, lights and sensors that will take your kiddos' games to the next level. There's also an All-American grill with burgers, pizzas and drinks for all.

96 Main Road, Riverhead. 631-998-4234, theallstargrill.com

BOOM! BURGER

You can't go wrong with the wide array of clever appetizers, dipping sauces and burger options at this Hamptons favorite. Nutella sandwiches, fried PB&J and deep-fried pop tarts are also part of the tasty fun.

85 Montauk Highway, Westhampton Beach. 631-998-4663, boomburgerwhb.com

THE CLUBHOUSE

Kids can enjoy some serious entertainment at this East Hampton hot spot. Play classic arcade games like pinball and claw, as well as bowling lanes. And while you're there, chow down on some delicious burgers, apps and rustic pizzas.

174 Daniels Hole Road, East Hampton. 631-537-2695, clubhousehamptons.com

ESTIA'S LITTLE KITCHEN

Little ones who love a tasty breakfast will enjoy the morning scene here. They will eat up favorites like chocolate chip pancakes and eggs while adults enjoy more interesting options like breakfast tacos. And your kiddos can run around the garden while they're waiting to be seated.

1615 Sag Harbor Turnpike, Sag Harbor. 631-725-1020, estias.com

LONG ISLAND AQUARIUM

Bring your little guppies over to the Long Island Aquarium in Riverhead, where they can explore an Amazon Rainforest, birds, bugs, butterflies and coral reefs. Discounts are available for seniors and kiddos.

431 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-208-9200, longislandaquarium.com

MAIN ROAD BISCUIT CO.

Kiddos who love a good pancake won't want to miss this East End favorite. Seasonal pancakes are made from scratch and served with delicious homemade items like buttermilk biscuits, jam and smoothies.

1601 Main Road, Jamesport. 631-779-3463, mainroadbiscuitco.com

MATTITACO

Little ones who love Mexican will have a fiesta at this North Fork favorite. The menu includes a number of kid-friendly options including tacos, quesadillas and pizzas. Parents can enjoy pitchers of margaritas and sangria.

10560 Main Road, Mattituck. 631-298-7826, mattitaco.com

STEVENSON'S TOYS AND GAMES

Enjoy a unique selection of toys, electronics and games at this East Hampton favorite. Free gift wrap is also available!

66 Newton Lane, Suite C, East Hampton. 631-527-7772, stevensonstoys.com

SOUTHAMPTON ICE SKATING RINK

Brrr-ing your little athletes over to the Southampton Ice Skating rink for some serious late winter fun. Check out the website for public skate sessions and reserve your spot ahead of time. The cost is $15 for adults and $12 for kiddos during the week and $20 for everyone on the weekends. You can also rent your own hockey or figure skates for $5.

668 Country Road 39, Southampton. 631-283-2158, southamptonicerink.com

Find more events online at DansPapers.com/Events

UNCLE JOE'S PIZZA

After a day of invigorating Hampton's exploring, head on over to Uncle Joe's Pizza, where you and your little ones can enjoy a wide variety of gourmet pizza, pasta and chicken dishes.

42 East Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays. 631-728-1234, unclejoeshb.com

FOOD & DRINK

Greenport Dining, MTK Lobster House & More

BY HARRY POWERS

Chef Bob Abrams of **Calissa** in Water Mill shares his recipe for butternut squash and kale salad that he serves over pork chop. It's good on its own as a side, too! Before you do anything else, though, take a look at this week's foodie news bites.

Greenport, the quaint North Fork fishing village, is strikingly beautiful this time of year. There are untold country roads to walk or bike along, and any direction you turn, there are wonderful water views to absorb. The restaurant scene is thriving as well.

Claudio's, which until 2018 held the distinction of being the country's oldest same-family owned restaurant, offers a vibrant and friendly environment. It's one of the best spots for North Fork oysters and lobster.

A few steps away on Main Street sits **Lucharitos Taqueria & Tequila Bar**. There are over 50 kinds of the namesake drink, and fresh fruit is juiced and pureed daily for their delicious specialty margaritas. The cold Mexican beers and local craft brews pair nicely with the pollo (chicken) tacos.

The year 1943 was momentous for several reason. The Allies were turning the tide in World War II, the film *Casablanca* was released, and the Yankees won the World Series (without Joe DiMaggio who was fighting overseas). And also, **1943 Pizza Bar** claims that "pizza as it is known today across the United States was truly born" in 1943. New Haven-style pizzas can be enjoyed, as can other terrific Italian bites.

On warmer days (or frankly on any day) head on over to **Greenport Creamery** for 20 varieties of ice cream, sherbet and frozen yogurt. Their vintage signage and 1950s ice cream parlor look create a fun atmosphere, and many of the flavors are locally-sourced using natural ingredients, such as strawberry and blueberry.

Greenport is also home to one of the only Swiss-Italian restaurants on Long Island: **Alpina**. The ambitious menu features dishes like quail, clam orecchiette and veal schnitzel. Alpina's wine bar also boasts the largest Swiss selection of wines in the entire United States.

And if you want to travel to Paris, dine at **Aldo's**. Single-origin organic coffees and blends are roasted every day in the shop. Aldo's is also famous for its gratifying biscotti almond biscuits.

Now onto the South Fork...

MTK Lobster House on Main Street in Sag Harbor serves a prix fixe menu from 5–9 p.m., Thursday through Sunday. The $45 three-course menu offers lobster bisque, oysters Rockefeller or dumplings as an appetizer; chicken Milanese, shrimp linguine, pan-roasted cod or a cold or warm lobster roll as an entree. Choose from between a glass of wine or a warm chocolate cake with ice cream as your other course.

BOB ABRAMS

COURTESY CALISSA

Serafina in East Hampton opens at 5 p.m. every day except Monday. Check out their pastas and thin crust pizzas.

The Highway Restaurant in Wainscot is back from its winter break!

The beloved **Roberta's Pizza** out of Bushwick and LA will open in Montauk at the site of the former Arbor, adjacent to the train station, which means Montauk just got hipper. Uh oh.

Fun Whiskey Facts: Whiskey comes from the Gaelic words "uisce beatha," which translate to "water of life." It later came to be pronounced as "uski," which then turned into whiskey! Now, to "E" or not to "E," that is the question! When it comes to spelling, only refer to Scottish whisky or Canadian whisky without the "e." If its origins are rooted elsewhere, opt for whiskey.

COURTESY MTK LOBSTER HOUSE

MTK LOBSTER HOUSE'S LOBSTER MAC AND CHEESE

Food Quote: "There is no love sincerer than the love of food." ~ George Bernard Shaw

Got a restaurant news item or tip? Email us at dansfoodseen@gmail.com!

Recipe: Calissa's Butternut Squash and Kale Salad

(Makes 6–8 servings)

Salad Ingredients:

1 medium butternut squash cut into 1-inch cubes

2 bulbs of fennel cut into 1-inch-thick wedges

1/8 cup of olive oil

2 bunches of Tuscan kale finely chopped

1/4 cup of pomegranate arils (seeds)

1/2 cup of feta crumbled

1/2 cup candied pecans roughly chopped

Salt and pepper to taste

Orange/Balsamic Vinaigrette Ingredients:

6 tbsp white balsamic vinegar

2 tbsp Dijon mustard

2 1/2 tbsp honey

2 tbsp orange Juice

1 1/2 tsp orange zest

1/3 cup EVOO

Salt to taste

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 450°F

2. On a large baking sheet, place butternut squash and fennel, coat with the 1/8 cup olive oil, salt and pepper. Toss until coated.

3. Bake in oven for 40 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

4. While vegetables are cooking, cut and de-stem kale.

5. In a medium bowl, whisk together all ingredients for vinaigrette, taste and adjust for salt.

6. When vegetables are done, remove from oven and let cool for 5 minutes.

7. Assemble salad — start with kale then top with vegetables in a large bowl and mix.

8. Place your grilled pork chop on plate and top with salad mixture, then add crumbled feta, pecans, pomegranate and drizzle with vinaigrette.

9. Serve and enjoy!

COURTESY CALISSA

KALE SQUASH SALAD AS MADE BY CALISSA CHEF BOB ABRAMS

~ This recipe comes to us courtesy of Calissa in Water Mill, calissahamptons.com

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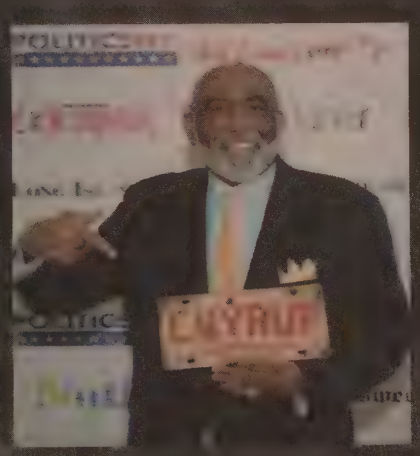

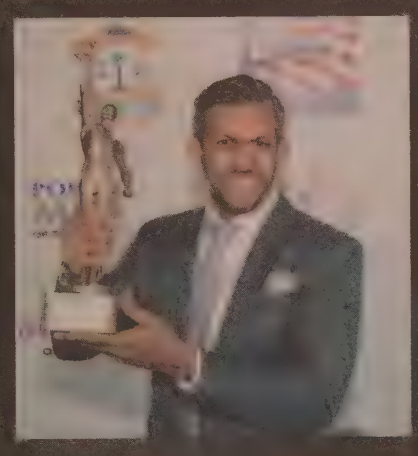

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Main Prospect Supports Ukraine with Ukrainian Menu

BY DAVID TAYLOR

With Ukraine under attack by Russian President Vladimir Putin's forces, people around the world are doing whatever they can to provide support to countless Ukrainian families in need. Among those raising money to help are Binh Douglas and Sean Curneen, owners of Main Prospect in Southampton.

"For me, and I think I echo some of what Sean thinks, the only thing that I know how to do is serve food, serve a dinner," Douglas says. "How can I positively affect the community or people who need that help through what I do?"

The answer: By creating a limited-time-only Ukrainian menu and cocktail at Main Prospect that will see 100% of net profits donated to renowned chef José Andrés' World Central Kitchen (WCK), a nonprofit that is providing fresh meals to Ukrainians fleeing the country, as well as many still in Ukraine. Having long followed Andrés' efforts to feed people in the wake of disasters across the globe, Curneen reports that selecting WCK as the recipient of their fundraising initiative was an "absolute no-brainer" because Andrés has proven himself a vetted ally in these situations. "When things like this hit, you have all these things that pop up — donate here, donate there. For us, we don't feel like we have to track down where our money is going. We know where it's going."

Located at the former home of the community-oriented John Duck's restaurant, Main Prospect also prioritizes its community, which Douglas notes has a considerable number of Eastern European families. For this initiative, they reached out to these locals to identify their favorite Ukrainian dishes. "We wanted to find some things that folks might remember, might know, might think of once they see it and that's accessible from that culture," he says. Once they had their feedback, they took the list to Chef de Cuisine John Trzcinski, who crafted an authentic menu consisting of items such as beet soup, perogies, chicken Kyiv, stuffed cabbage and potato pancakes with caviar.

BINH DOUGLAS AND SEAN CURNEEN

The menu is paired with a specialty cocktail called The Zelensky, created by Brian Tupper using Ukrainian Heritage Rye Vodka. The drink sports the blue and yellow of Ukraine's flag with blueberry and lemon peel on a skewer.

Main Prospect's owners hope that Hamptons residents who have been looking for a way to support Ukraine but aren't sure how to go about it, may visit the restaurant and inquire about the Ukrainian menu. "It's the community that's putting the money in, we're just facilitating it," Curneen notes.

"We felt the overwhelming desire and need to do something," Douglas adds. "And I'm glad that folks are rallying behind it."

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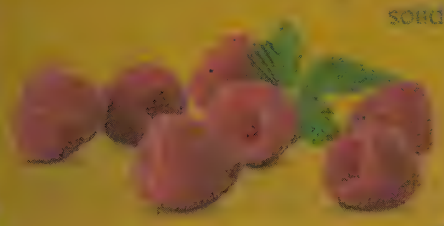

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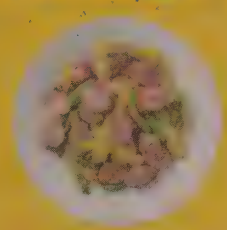

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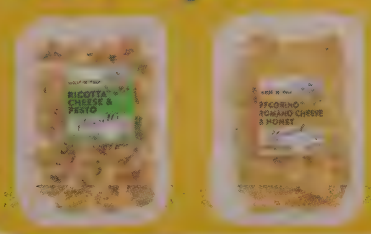

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Cocktail Recipe: North Fork Table & Inn Smoked Orange Negroni

BY OLIVER PETERSON

In honor of Women's History Month, North Fork Table & Inn recently debuted a celebratory Smoked Orange Negroni cocktail featuring Mount Gay Eclipse Rum that will only be available on the restaurant's menu throughout the month of March.

So how does a cocktail typically made with gin, and that some associate with famous womanizer James Bond, earn a spot for Women's History Month? And why Mount Gay rum? For some background, Mount Gay originated in 1703 on the island of Barbados in 1703, becoming the world's oldest rum distillery. In 2019, Trudiann Banker took over as the company's first female master blender and went on to create the Eclipse Rum found in North Fork Table & Inn's Smoked Orange Negroni. With burnt notes of vanilla, banana, caramel, and summer fruit, Eclipse is perfect for this cocktail that is meant to be strong, like women such as Trudiann Banker. At least that's what they tell us.

Whatever it's for, this is still one heck of a good drink, and worth a stop at the already fabulous North Fork Table & Inn's restaurant and bar, set within a historic country home in Southold.

Smoked Orange Negroni
3 dashes grapefruit bitters
1 bar spoon simple syrup
0.5 oz pomegranate juice
0.75 oz lime juice
0.25 oz Roots Diktamo
0.5 oz Tentura Antica
1.5 oz Mount Gay Eclipse rum shaken and double strained into a coup glass (or tumbler as seen here)

Garnish with trimmed grapefruit peel on the edge of the glass. The peel is expressed over the drink beforehand.

This drink comes to us courtesy of the North Fork Table & Inn, northforktableandinn.com.

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Something to Wine About: Raphael's 2017 La Fontana

BY LINDA DELMONICO PRUSSEN

Spring is finally in the air, and while the threat of snow can't completely be ruled out as winter tries to hold on with its icy claws, the spring flowers are defiantly pushing through the soil here on the East End. And with that lovely change comes the time for slightly lighter or more medium-bodied reds. One red that fits the bill perfectly is the 2017 La Fontana from the Raphael vineyard and winery.

This beautiful Bordeaux-style blend is incredibly reminiscent of the true Bordeaux wines found in the Côtes de Bordeaux region of France. This similarity isn't completely surprising as both Long Island and the Bordeaux region of France share a maritime climate. The blend of this stunning wine is 33% cabernet sauvignon, 29% petit verdot, 26% merlot, 6% cabernet franc and 6% malbec. The grapes used to produce this wine are hand-harvested and hand-sorted. The wine is fermented separately and aged for 18 months in French oak barrels before blending. The care placed in the creation of this lovely wine by winemaker Julie Petrocelli Vergari results in extremely fresh flavors with bright cheery notes, light notes of anise, soft velvety tannins, and a long, persistent, dry finish. This is not an over-oaked or overripe wine. The flavors are complex and lyrical, and they complement, not compete, with a large variety of foods.

This would be a wonderful wine for Easter dinner. Whether you are serving Virginia ham, roast pork or lamb, the balanced acidity of this wine will help the flavors to sing without overpowering the meal. After dinner, this wine could also be served with cheesecake or dark chocolate. The 2017 La Fontana retails for $29, and if you are hosting Easter dinner, it might be best to have at least two bottles on hand.

For more info about the Raphael vineyard and their wines, visit raphaelwine.com.

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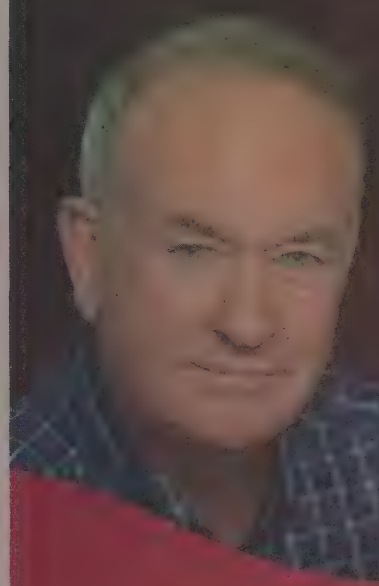

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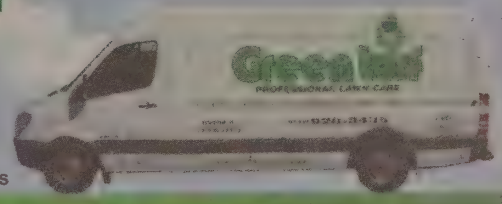

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Hamptons Soul: The Nature of Evil

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RABBI JOSH FRANKLIN

One of the crowning achievements of Charles Darwin was the work on his theory of natural selection. According to Darwin, all animals in the world compete for resources, and only the fittest survive. Darwin believed that homo sapiens followed this same trend, and that in the struggle to survive, the strongest will always win. In such an arena of survival, ruthlessness and individualism conquer kindness and selflessness. But Darwin ran into a problem with applying this model to human beings, that is, all societies value altruism. Humanity esteems virtues of kindness, empathy, generosity and humility — all vices when it comes to darwinian survival. Without moral virtues, we are just animals; and without primal instincts, we would all perish.

For millennia, Judaism has viewed the balance of being virtuous and primal in the dichotomy of our having both a moral inclination and an evil inclination. Both are not just inherent to who we are, but both are blessings of God upon us. The question is asked by Rabbi Nachman ben Shmuel as to how we can possibly call our evil inclination "good." The answer, is that were it not for the primal inclinations within us, humanity wouldn't build, marry, procreate and engage in business. Greed, lust and ego are potentially harmful forces, but God's world needs them to endure. While we might call these inclinations "evil," they are necessary evils in this world that, when tempered, drive the success of civilization. When left unchecked by our moral compass, the excess of these qualities breeds crime, fraud, war, inequity and injustice. What sets us apart from the animal kingdom is that only humans can employ a moral conscience (our good inclination) to supersede our base instincts.

We like to paint individuals — either in real life or in literature — as heroes or villains. Jewish wisdom teaches that we are neither good nor evil, but rather, that both good and evil exist within each and every one of us. When Dr. Henry Jekyll, in Robert Louis Stevenson's *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, figures out how to separate his evil inclination and his moral inclination into two separate beings, he creates a monster on the one hand, and a feeble wimp on the other. Living a purposeful and meaningful life requires that we are driven by a healthy balance between our moral and primal natures.

FATHER CONSTANTINE LAZARAKIS

Evil — the word gets thrown around a lot. Usually we reserve it for big news like the ravages of war (see our column on the conflict in Ukraine), terrorist attacks, school shootings. Those horrific events are, for sure, evil. But identifying frightening events that someone else perpetrates as evil doesn't give us the whole picture, and doesn't help us move the needle in terms of making the world a better place. Like all spiritual matters, to confront evil in a useful way, we have to make it personal, we have to start with ourselves.

The saints and "Church Fathers" don't refer to evil as a thing or a concept. Instead, they talk about evil as a perversion, or a twisting of that which God intended to be good. In the case of humanity, God created us to live in communion with Him and in community with one another. He created us to receive and share love. We are our truest and best selves when we live in God's grace and love one another. Evil then, is any force that persuades or coerces us be malicious — anything that pulls us from the path of love.

When contemplating the perplexing and heartbreaking evil troubling our world, it is essential that we not only look outward, but also look inward. We must face the reality that evil is present both in big events, and in everyday life. Small acts of evil have real impact. And small acts of love send ripples of grace through the world. Each of us has the capacity to perpetrate evil, and each of us has the capacity for love. Instead of focusing our attention and energy on the evil we see in the headlines, imagine if each of us poured our energy into cultivating goodness and love within ourselves.

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Celebrating Hamptons Celebrities: Bill Hemmer

BY DANNY FRANK

BILL HEMMER

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has pressed anchor news personality Bill Hemmer into double duty at Fox News Channel. In addition to hosting *America's Newsroom* with Dana Perino on weekdays from 9–11 a.m., viewers can now find Hemmer contributing guest spots early in the morning, and during the evening on shows such as *Tucker Carlson* or *Hannity*.

"I do a lot of preparation so that nothing surprises me if something happens," he says. "While I am live on the air, I can manage it because I know something about it to ask the appropriate questions. If I want to cover this right, this takes a lot of study about the detail, watching all sorts of videos online, reading for a long time."

In his presentations, Hemmer is reluctant to predict and favors reporting.

"I want our audience to know that we have given them a fair and honest assessment on the biggest issues for that day," he says.

Hemmer was born and raised in Cincinnati and still makes an annual visit there for a special event to benefit the senior center that took care of his grandparents. He hosts the George Knittle Memorial Bayley Place Golf Classic named in honor of his grandfather, George F. Knittle, which benefits Bayley Senior Living. Knittle died at the age of 100 in 2003.

Hemmer's upbringing was shaped by being a Roman Catholic parochial school student. "At 11 a.m. mass Sunday mornings, all seven Hemmers were in the pew," he recalls. He continues to practice his Catholic faith.

After graduating from Miami University in Ohio, he began his career in Ohio local television news. He logged several years at CNN before moving to Fox News Channel in 2005.

One circumstance during the Ukraine invasion the past several weeks which had an impact on him.

"I watched a man who walked out of a building, which was just hit with a missile," Hemmer says. "He was scanning the street with his iPhone. Shrapnel everywhere with several women screaming, just killed, dead, missing limbs. I tried to avoid watching it ... it stuck with me for a while."

Figures in news and journalism who Hemmer admires include the late Peter Jennings, Dan Rather and Tom Brokaw.

"They were the troika when I was growing up," Hemmer says. "Then there is Christiane Amanpour for her reporting on Yugoslavia during the 1990s."

Sag Harbor has become Hemmer's oasis. From Manhattan "which is concrete and steel" he began exploring Southampton and Bridgehampton locations.

"Amagansett and Montauk seemed too far away," he says. He decided Sag Harbor was the best community.

"The waterway and the harbor are important to me," he adds. "I like my backyard ... my beautiful garden ...my complete privacy ... my Sag Harbor retreat became a true refuge from the television news grind during COVID."

His downtime includes unwinding at Sag Harbor spots such as the American Hotel.

A dozen Peconic oysters on the half shell, and a fine beer at the American, and he is in heaven. He can't say enough about the American Hotel from the staff to the food, including table 51.

"Page at 63 Main Restaurant is great for a burger and televised football," he notes. "Murf's Backstreet is good on a Friday night ... then there's The Corner Bar," although he's disappointed they no longer have Stella on draft.

Hemmer earned his sailing certificate at the Sag Harbor Sailing School. He joined Barton & Gray Mariners Club during the pandemic.

Is Hemmer reporting on the news from his domicile like many of his contemporaries have done as part of their response to COVID?

"I guess I'm a sucker," he sighs. "I never left the office. I kept coming in as a personal decision. I tried a few shows from Sag Harbor, and I can't say I enjoyed it. During COVID cable, the audience has been forgiving allowing us to produce that product. The ratings have been enormous during COVID, and similar for the Ukraine war. I like being around people in the workplace."

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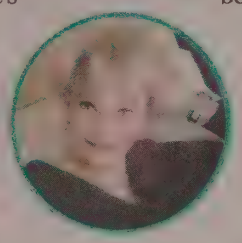
Ask Beatty: Life Lessons That I Learned From My Father

BY BEATTY COHAN, MSW, LCSW, AASECT

When I was a little girl growing up in Winnipeg, Canada, children of all ages would flock to our house to play not only with me but with my father. My dad was everyone's playmate; always available to offer advice and teach the boys and girls of Burrin Avenue how to swing a bat, throw a ball, play badminton, tennis, soccer, golf, volleyball and football. Our front and back yard had every imaginable piece of sports equipment. Boxing gloves and our pingpong table were kept in the basement and used primarily during the cold winter months.



We were never at a loss of something to do. Those were the days when children were safe playing in the streets and when fun consisted of healthy outlets. It was unimaginable for the children to remain indoors, unless of course they were doing homework, eating or sleeping.

When I was 3 years old, I began taking figure skating, dancing lessens and piano. I think that I first held a tennis racket at age 5. As the years went by, it became clear to everyone that I was not going to be a champion skater, ballerina or Mozart. My father bought me my own tennis racket when I was 11. He would take me to the school yard where I would practice hitting balls up against a brick wall nearly every day after school. Those were the days before indoor courts and private tennis clubs.

One day my father decided that I was ready to begin play on a real court. We found a public court, but unfortunately, I could barely hit a ball. My backhand was worse than my forehand and my serve was a disgrace. We called it a day and went to lunch and happened to notice on the sports page of our local newspaper that the Manitoba Junior Tennis Championship was beginning that very day. I convinced my dad to drive to the city park so that I could enter the tournament. Considering my morning play, the idea seemed preposterous.

When we arrived the tournament directors told us that we had missed the deadline and that it would be impossible to put me in the draw. I'm not sure how we managed to convince them otherwise, but they finally agreed that I could play. Perhaps they felt sorry for me. Or maybe because I was an unknown, they believed that allowing a young child to play one round would not disrupt the the projected outcome of the tournament. Whatever it was, I was in!

Within a short time I heard someone call my name. I met my opponent Cynthia who was experienced and who was the current 12-and-under Manitoba Junior champion. We shook hands and headed for the court. My dad sat court side and watched the match, hoping for the best. I'm not exactly sure what happened, but the tennis gods were kind to me and I couldn't miss a shot.

My serve was powerful and my ground strokes were impeccable. The match went on for a long time. Finally it was match point. Cynthia slipped on a backhand shot. I took advantage of her misfortune and put away the ball for a winner. I could hardly believe what had happened and neither could Cynthia or the crowd.

My father was beaming proudly and had a big smile on his face. He reminded me of one of life's eternal lessons that still governs my life and work today: Never give up. Anything is possible. Be willing to change your mindset and strategy. Stay in the game. Play out the points. Negotiate for what you want.

I ended up winning the tournament, and it was the beginning of a very successful and fun tennis life, which I continue to enjoy today. I won numerous provincial and Western Canadian championships and achieved a no. 10 ranking in Canada as a junior. I traveled extensively throughout Canada, playing in various tournaments throughout the country. I made many friends and learned the important lessens of winning and losing.

My first tennis tournament and my father's words of wisdom of never giving up have always stayed with me through good and bad times. I bring this philosophy into my private practice, because I know that having a good coach can and does equal great success.

Never give up on your dreams. They can become a reality. Even if you can't hit a ball or are down in life, don't let anyone or anything stand in your way! Remember to say NO to the naysayers who try to steal your joy. If you need to, seek out good coaches to help make your dreams a reality.

It's spring and time for new beginnings. By the way, I'm playing the best tennis of my life thanks to the pros at SPORTIME and the East Hampton Tennis Club.

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Fun with Bill and Jane in Palm Beach

BY BILL BOGGS & JANE ROTHCHILD

Bill: We've been having a slam-bang, wonderful winter here in Palm Beach, and *Dan's Papers Palm Beach* asked us to share some of the recent highlights with you.

First, you should know my long-suffering girlfriend, Jane Rothchild, and I are "Triangulites" — in other words, we have a home in Springs in East Hampton, a pad in Manhattan and an apartment on the beach in Palm Beach.

Not a morning goes by when we do not acknowledge gratitude for our blessed life, and hardly a day passes when we don't get the predictable question, "But which one do you like best?" Answer: Wherever we are, we like the best.

Much of what we love about life in the Hamptons during the spring, summer and fall flourishes here in Palm Beach in the winter — beautiful beaches, good restaurants, theatrical productions, concerts, art galleries and museums, library events, lectures, chamber music recitals, plus a multitude of cabaret performances, comedy shows, as well as opera, ballet and Broadway revivals — all less than 30 minutes from our apartment.

When I hear people make a gross generalization like, "Oh, I hate Florida, it's boring. There's nothing to do," I'm pretty sure they haven't spent much time in the Palm Beach area. For months, our calendar has been as packed as it could be. Our wardrobes are put to the test here — this area is one of the most elegant in the country for daytime and evening attire at restaurants, shows and parties. Men, leave your floppy Hawaiian shirts at home, and note, you can't go wrong wearing white here in the winter.

COURTESY BILL BOGGS

BILL BOGGS AND JANE ROTHCHILD

Musical entertainment abounds. We've enjoyed Paul Anka, who was so happy to return to performing, that he didn't want to leave the stage. Michael Feinstein presented a majestic show with the Palm Beach Symphony celebrating the music of Sinatra. Christine Andreas enchanted us with a tribute to Édith Piaf. Jazz trumpet sensation Bria Skonberg, singer Deborah Silver and Legends Radio host Bob Merrill presented hot, one-of-a kind programs, as did Billy Stritch, Marilyn Maye, Ann Hampton Callaway, Tony DeSare, Nicholas Cage, Rob Russell and Clint Holmes. These shows were staged at the not-for-profit Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach. (Yes, both masks and vaccination cards were required, but somehow, we endured.)

And now, here's Jane.

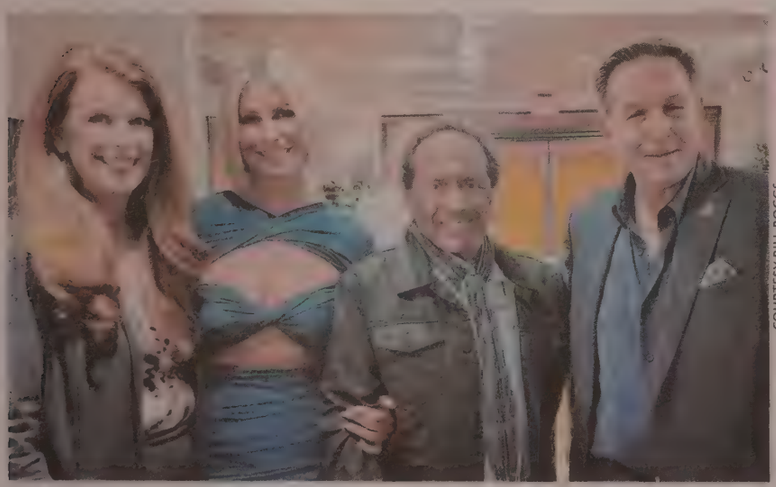
Jane: Whew, we're busy, but no complaints. A new Filofax (my up-to-date calendar system — try it!) is bursting with activities. Last night, for example, we were entertained at an elegant dinner party given by Fran Weissler, the esteemed Broadway producer, in her Palm Beach home. The evening concluded with a mesmerizing violin and accordion duo performing in her drawing room. The day before, Florida Planned Parenthood had a well-attended luncheon honoring the one-and-only Gloria Steinem. What an honor to be there and listen to the legend.

I'm a member of the Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach, the Norton Museum of Art, the Cultural Council of Palm Beach, The Boca Raton Museum and the Miami City Ballet, which performs at Kravis. ALL have delivered thrilling performances, shows and exhibitions. *Swan Lake* was remarkable. *Gypsy* at the Wick Theatre in Boca was like sitting on Broadway. Florida Atlantic University offers three lectures a day. How can one person decide what to do with so many choices? Funny how it's hard to leave once the summer heat sets in, but returning to East Hampton and Manhattan is equally enticing. It's the good life.

Thank you, *Dan's Papers Palm Beach* for inviting us to share our adventures. Oh, and in case you're wondering, it's as difficult to score reservations at Sant Ambroeus and Le Bilboquet down here as it is in Southampton and Sag Harbor.

Bill Boggs is an Emmy-winning TV host and author of the satirical novel The Adventures of Spike the Wonder Dog. *Follow Boggs @realbillboggs on Instagram and BillboggsTV on YouTube.*

Jane Rothchild is a former real estate broker, businesswoman and Emmy-winning television producer.



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LESLIE LAREDO (LEFT) AND HUSBAND JEFF LEIBOWITZ (RIGHT) WITH PAUL ANKA AND HIS FRIEND MICHELLE AFTER ANKA'S SHOW AT THE KRAVIS CENTER

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POPULAR PALM BEACH ENTERTAINER ROB RUSSELL, WHOSE FAMILY DOCKED THEIR YACHT "THE MOTHER MARION" FOR DECADES IN SAG HARBOR, CHATS WITH JEAN DOLAN, FOUNDER OF THE JAZZ SOCIETY OF PALM BEACH, AT THE BRICKTOPS RESTAURANT

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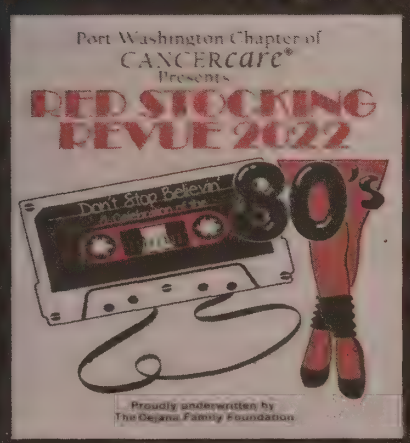

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International Gay Polo League Returns to Wellington for Its 12th Season April 7-10

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

Majestic horses, elite athletes from around the world, and a fiercely festive, competitive spirit both on and off the field — the international Gay Polo League (GPL) is back this year in Wellington from April 7–10, and the International Polo Club Palm Beach is better for it.

Riding in on a rainbow of colors, the GPL is in its 12th year and is the only LGBTQ+ polo organization in the world.

The highly anticipated GPL event in Wellington attracts top players, high-end sponsors (LEXUS, Douglas Elliman, Baccarat, among others) and over 3,000 spectators — and with good reason. Not only does GPL offer spectacular polo playing at a variety of levels and ages, it promotes an awareness of LGBTQ+ athletes and helps raise money to support deserving LGBTQ+ initiatives and diversity.

It's also a lot of fun. Off-the-field festivities include the legendary, over-the-top themed tailgating competitions, a Polotini fundraiser with dancing (lots of wigs!) and a creative, joie-de-vivre atmosphere that keeps the Champagne (and good vibes) flowing.

Adrian Pia, an Argentinian-born player who lives with his husband and art dealer Gordon VeneKlasen in Manhattan and in East Hampton, is one of 16 players who will compete in Gay Polo in April.

"Wellington is a dream polo player city — we breathe polo here," says Pia, who recently played and practiced in Wellington and who owns the flying trapeze company HamptonsFly at Hayground in Bridgehampton.

Pia took up the game five years ago and plays at the Southampton and East Hampton polo clubs — experiences that connected him to Wellington and Gay Polo. "Everywhere I go, it's like my family," says Pia, adding, "It is such a small world that everyone knows each other ... it's so much fun."

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THE GAY POLO LEAGUE FLAG GIRLS

How did Gay Polo League evolve and what has been its impact in sports and the LGBTQ+ community? We caught up with its founder, Chip McKenney — a lawyer and horse enthusiast with a serious and successful background in show jumping — to talk all things Gay Polo.

How did Gay Polo League get started?

It started in 2006 ... I had retired from show jumping and then a friend introduced me to polo in Santa Barbara. I decided to take a lesson, just for fun. Halfway through that lesson I stopped, and I said to the coach, "I'm going to start a gay polo league," and that was really the birth of it. On the drive back to Los Angeles, I called my friends and said, "Polo is a perfect sport for gay people."

Why is polo a "perfect sport for gay people?"

It's traditional, it's elegant, it's international and it's a team sport, and I thought this would really be incredible. And for me, I thought it would perfect because it involved horses, which is in my DNA.

Let's back up — for newbies, describe polo.

They say it's like hockey on horseback at 35 miles an hour. [We laugh]. It's four players on each team and you have different positions — and it's a game of speed and strength and strategy; it's just a really smart game.

COURTESY CHIP MEKENNEY

CHIP MCKENNEY, FOUNDER GPL

In 12 years how has GPL grown?

It started as a local thing in Santa Barbara. ... We now have members in 15 countries which is extraordinary — we're a global league now. I was focusing originally on local events, but now I focus on producing international events.

This year in Wellington is groundbreaking — for the first time in the history of the event, all of the 16 polo players competing are gay ... we have four gay pros playing. We have Tiffany Bush, who is from the Bush family; she's a professional polo player, and she's a lesbian and she has been playing with us for years.

Historically, our philosophy is we are a diversity group, and while we are gay-identified, we are inclusive, not exclusive, so if somebody outside of the gay community wants to play with us, we welcome that with open arms.

Who does GPL fundraise for?

About five years ago, we became a 501(c)(3) ... in the first year we donated to a local organization called Compass, the second year I became aware of SAGE (which focuses on senior LGBTQ+ needs). ... We donated close to $30K to them. This year, our net proceeds will get directed to One Pulse Foundation (born out of the massacre at Pulse nightclub in Orlando). ... Our goal is always to use our platform to help other people who are less fortunate than we are.

GPL received an impressive award this year.

Thank you. Out of the blue, I was notified that the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame was awarding GPL the Champion of Diversity and Inclusion in Sports (award) for our event in Palm Beach County. ... For us it's a great thing ... when somebody else who is totally disconnected from GPL recognizes the benefits of a diversity event in their county. In all fairness, Florida just passed "Don't Say Gay."

Yes, ironic, you get this award in PB County for raising visibility, and then this Florida "Don't Say Gay" bill must feel like being slammed legally.

It's very much being slammed. The reality is it hurts the very people at their most vulnerable age — because I was one of those gay kids sitting in a school row, and I never knew that there were gay people or alternate families or non-traditional families.

OUT EAST END

COURTESY GAY POLO LEAGUE

THE 2019 GAY POLO LEAGUE TEAMS

We (GPL) get stereotyped all the time. We don't sexualize ourselves — we identify ourselves as a high-end sporting event in an LGBTQ+ space and beyond.

How is it living in Florida as an out, gay human?

I live in Wellington — I moved here six years ago from Los Angeles — I love it.

It's interesting that you should ask that — it's obviously very different because here I met a lot of gay people who support Trump which surprised me — in 32 years I had never met a gay Republican in Los Angeles. ... In Wellington, what brought me here was the horse world. The horse world tends to be very sophisticated and very international — it is a very accepting community overall and I live in that bubble. ... What's interesting here is the government seems to be very anti-gay.

Aren't there more gay people in Miami and Fort Lauderdale?

Oh, absolutely. Fort Lauderdale has a very large gay population — it's an international gay vacation destination for LGBT people. Wellington has a large gay population, but it's seasonal because equestrian sports tends to be a very safe environment for gay athletes.

Who comes to Gay Polo in Wellington?

Everybody. We get about 70% from the tri-counties (Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach) and get about 30% from out of state and out of country, so we really are a destination event for many.

GAY POLO LEAGUE TAILGTATE PARTY

Any chance of Gay Polo coming to the Hamptons?

It's ironic we connected on this — I had just had lunch with Adrian (Pia) when you reached out, and he said, "You know, if you want to do one in Southampton, I can help make that happen." That was really cool, because the one thing you really need is someone on the ground where you are going to have the event, because it's very hard to organize it all remotely — it can be done.

Where are all the lesbians in all this?

My hope and my dream is to field an all-lesbian polo team international tournament. There are many, many lesbians out there who do play and we are just starting to resonate with them.

What is the vision for GPL?

The vision keeps getting bigger because the importance keeps growing. I'll give you one example of when I really realized this is something bigger than what I originally envisioned of me just having a really nice social life. ... When we had our first event in Wellington in 2010, the village had been approached about offering health benefits to same-sex couples, and they had rejected it. After the GPL event, the Palm Beach Human Rights Commission went back to Wellington and said, "You just had a gay-identified sporting event here, and it was well received. Don't you think it's time to reconsider?" And they did, and they extended health benefits for (Wellington) Village employees to their partners whether or not they were heterosexual or gay.

What are your wishes and hopes for GPL?

To build our network of polo players and people who enjoy the sport and the journey with us ... to continue to use our platform to raise awareness of LGBT athletes and the importance of modeling the behavior we seek in other professional athletes and sports. To also be a positive influence for youth that may be unaware of any gay athletes ... and to continue to raise money for LGBTQ+ charities because it seems like there is a relentless need for us to continue to strive for recognition and acceptance and equality.

The LEXUS International Gay Polo Tournament, presented by Douglas Elliman Real Estate, will be held at the International Polo Club in Wellington from April 7–10. For more info and tickets, visit gaypolo.com.

Out East End Picks

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John R. DiPace, Montauk's Masseur to The Stars, Dies at 89

JOHN DIPACE

John R. DiPace, father extraordinaire and masseur to the stars, died peacefully at his home with family on Montauk Avenue the morning of March 3, 2022 just shy of his 89th birthday.

Affectionately known as Johnny D., he was born in the Bronx on March 12, 1933. John was an MP in the U.S. Army and a decorated Korean War vet. Post service, he retired from the New York City Department of Sanitation. He was the proud owner of DiPace Trucking Co. located in the Bronx. Then he graduated from The Swedish Institute of Massage. He was known as "masseur of the stars." You were lucky if you got on his table. John was such a strong and talented masseur that he worked well into his 80s.

A doting, loving father, grandfather and loyal friend, John also knew his way around the kitchen hosting delicious and hilarious dinner parties for his brunch-bunch buddies he loved dearly.

John was the epitome of healthy living and was an exceptional athlete his whole life. He had great hands and agility. As a young man he was a boxer. But ultimately tennis was his sport, and he was highly competitive on the court. He had a disciplined 5 a.m. workout schedule, loved the beach, daily swims at Devon especially with family. Few knew that he was graceful and talented on the dance floor, as well. He's deeply loved by family and friends. His humorous storytelling will be terrible missed by all.

He is predeceased by his parents John and Mildred DiPace, his daughter Jackie-Lynn, his siblings Romolo, Francis and twin sister Loretta. He is survived by his children Laurie Reed (Rick) of Virginia Beach, Amy (Joseph) Malave of Laurel, and Ann DiPace-Zullo (Paul) of Pound Ridge, NY, as well as his beloved grandchildren Jett, Summer, Garret, Wyatt, Emily and Jacqueline.

His service was held at Yardley & Pino Funeral Home in East Hampton on his birthday. In Lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The CJ Foundation for SIDS.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Awnings Can Make Outdoor Spaces More Comfortable

Outdoor living spaces have grown in popularity as more and more East End homeowners embrace opportunities to entertain and lounge around in their yards. However, while outdoor entertaining areas can be great, such spaces may go unused when the scorching sun makes it uncomfortable or downright unbearable to spend time outside.

A retractable awning can change all that. Homeowners often find awnings can be worthwhile investments that can be beneficial both inside and outside of the home. Here are five key benefits to installing an awning in your outdoor living area, as well as five East End awning companies that can get the job done right.

BENEFITS OF INSTALLING AN AWNING

Increase usable yard space:

Awnings can create privacy and establish boundaries for outdoor living areas. Place an awning over a deck, tables and chairs, or an entire patio area. Some people like to install awnings over a portion of their pools to provide shade for those who want to escape the sun's rays. Motorized awnings can be retracted with the push of a button, which can help homeowners with physical limitations.

Protect against sun damage:

Awnings provide excellent protection against sun damage, as they can shield outdoor furniture from direct sunlight, helping to reduce the chances for discoloration or fading. They also help homeowners and guests avoid unnecessary sun damage, as well.

Reduce air conditioning costs:

In addition to shading outdoor living areas, smaller awnings can be placed over southern- and western-facing windows, shielding interiors against the sun's rays. In turn, this may reduce reliance on air conditioners.

Expand gardening possibilities:

Some plants require very specific light conditions to grow. Awnings can protect shade-loving plants from harsh sunlight and filter the sun for plants that require indirect light. They can be placed over a patio container garden or permanent garden structure.

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Add value for buyers:

For those who may be selling their homes soon, an awning may help them receive top dollar. Today's buyers want houses that have attractive and functional exteriors, and an awning can provide that competitive advantage over similar homes in the neighborhood.

When renovating outdoor areas, homeowners should not overlook awnings that can make outdoor living spaces more livable. But which awning companies can be trusted to make you comfortably shaded dreams come true? Consider these five East End businesses.

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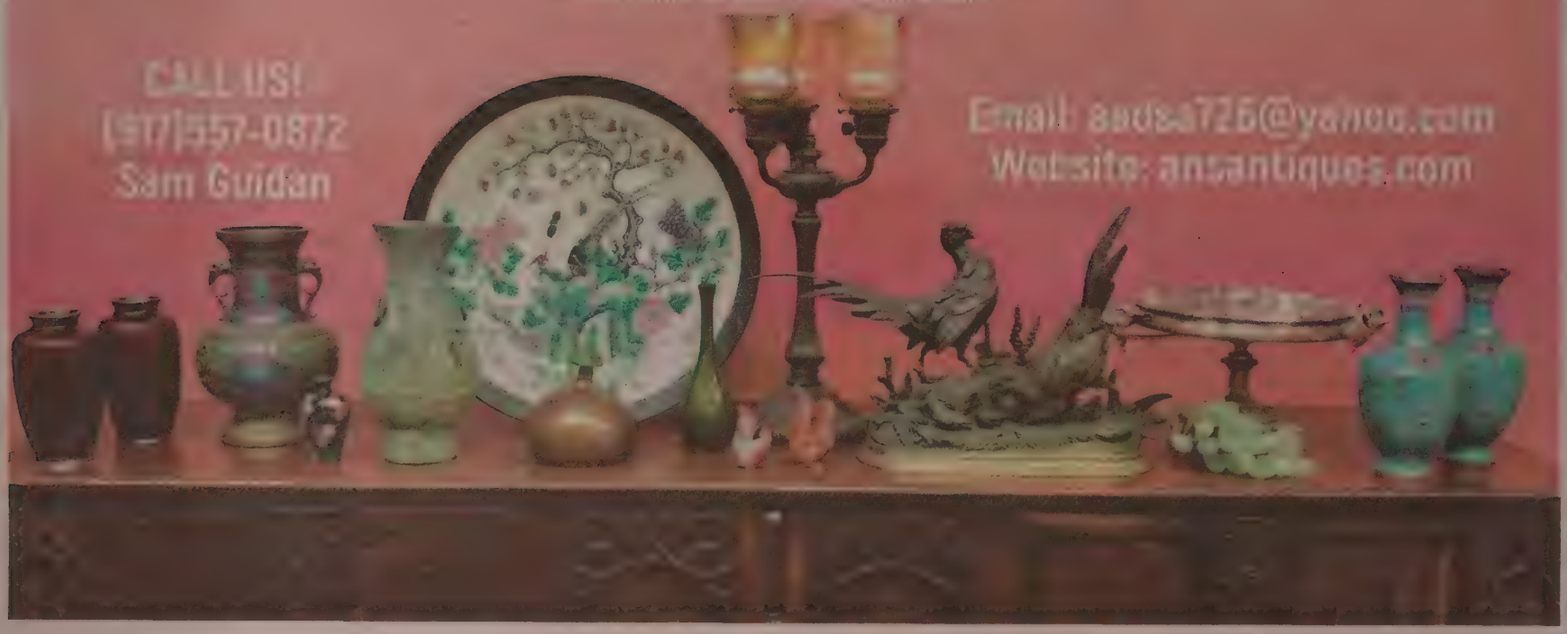

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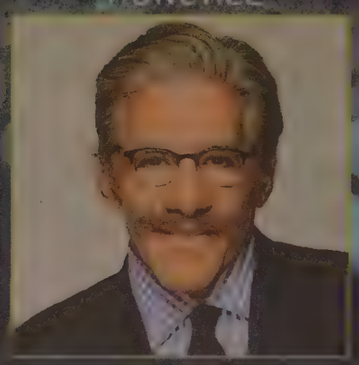

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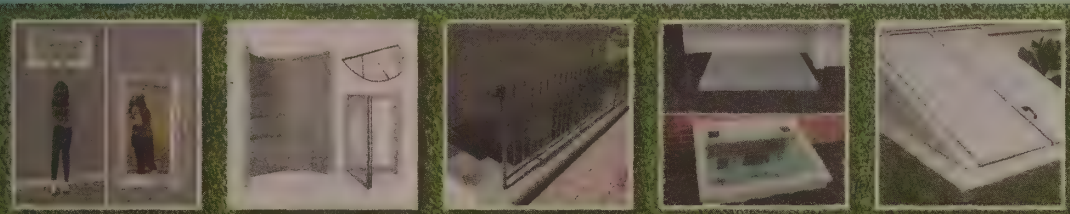

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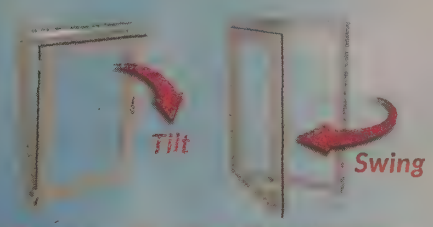

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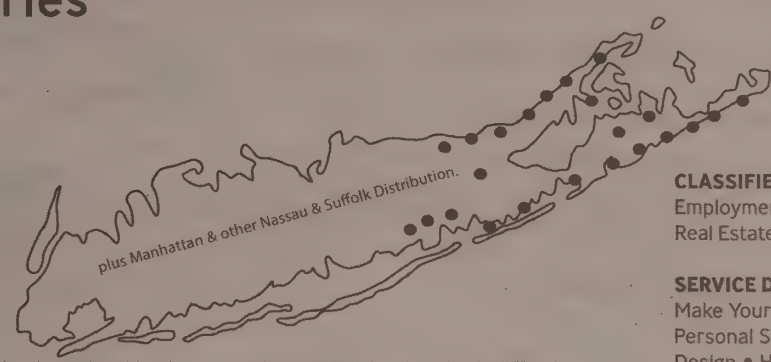

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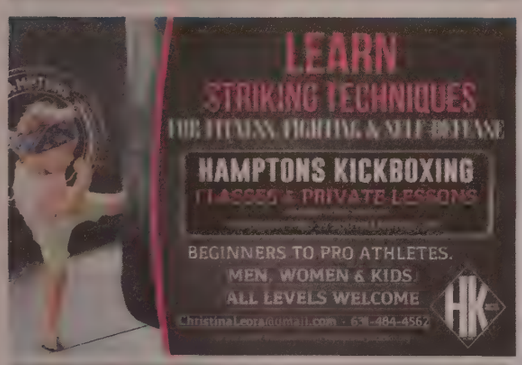

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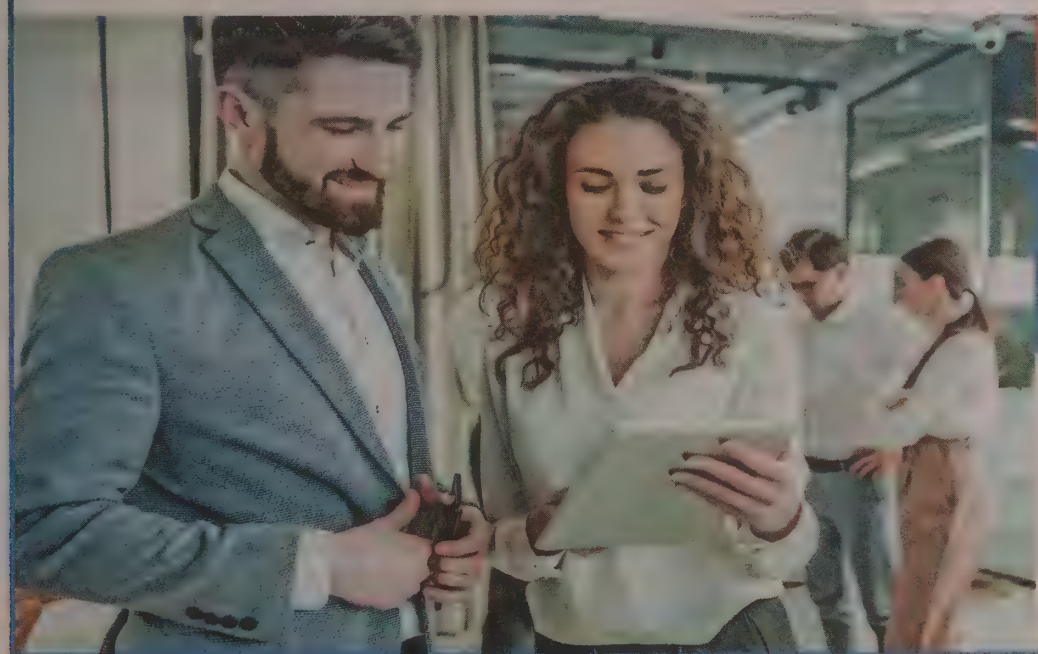

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Lieberthal's life story reads like the script of a television show, which is rather appropriate. He is, after all, a former Hollywood television executive.

His peers and industry insiders call his impact on television "visionary," as it was he who revolutionized the business of TV.

After graduating Cornell University, he got his start with Norman Lear and Jerry Perenchio's Tandem/TAT Company, which would later become Embassy Communications. With a leadership role, Lieberthal was in charge of syndication. It was his strategic business decision making that helped turn TV into a multibillion-dollar industry, marketing off-network television shows to the major television stations and groups around the world.

The model became the means by which revenues increased multifold, and perhaps more importantly, changed the way that Americans viewed television.

He would rise to the position of chairman/CEO of Embassy Communications, when Coca-Cola — then proprietors of Columbia Pictures Television — would buy the business. Coca-Cola made Lieberthal chairman of Columbia Pictures Television, and later added Tri-Star and Merv Griffin Enterprises to his management portfolio.

Over his career, Lieberthal enormously enhanced the economic value of award-winning television shows, including, but not limited to, *All in the Family, Sanford and Son, The Jeffersons, Who's the Boss?, Designing Women, Married with Children* and *Seinfeld*. His companies brought these shows to the viewer and in many ways are the reason why they are household names.

At the top of his career, Lieberthal stepped away, retiring from the industry and leaving Hollywood for a 2,000-acre plantation in Virginia.

"I had two young children, I did not want them to grow up as the children of a Hollywood studio head, so we bought the plantation in Charlottesville, Virginia," says Lieberthal.

As his kids would grow, he would later return to Los Angeles for various reasons. He then divided his time between a home in the Vintage Club in Indian Wells, California, and Montreux, near Lake Tahoe in Nevada.

A six-handicap golfer, he awoke one day before playing a round, when he decided that he was going to uproot again and move.

"I woke up in the desert and was walking from my bedroom to my kitchen. I looked out on the golf course and said, ... "Is that all there is?" The answer was no. So, I sold my homes, came to Florida, and bought my yacht, and decided that I would go wherever I wanted to go," he recalls.

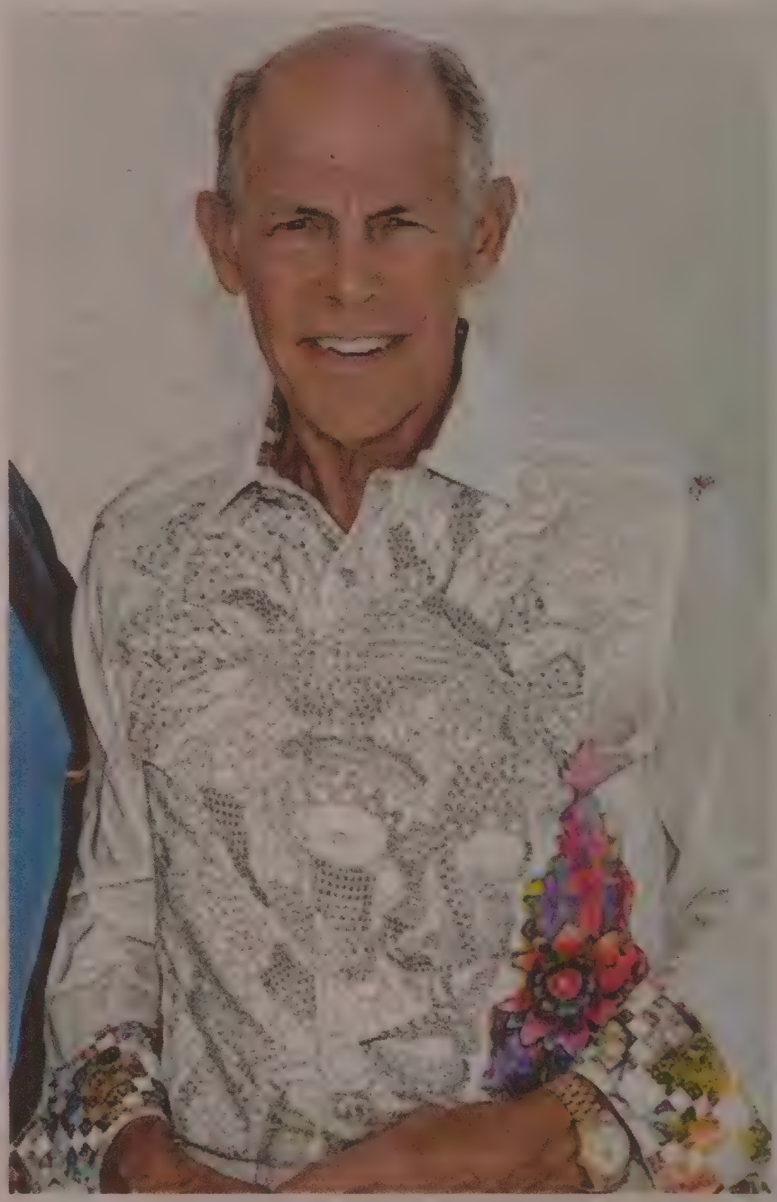
Now, he is the owner of a 132-foot yacht in Palm Beach, which makes its way to Sag Harbor in the month of May. For Lieberthal, home is where his boat is.

"I travel back and forth to the Bahamas and Miami, and come the end of May, I take the boat to the Hamptons, spending the summer there and Martha's Vineyard," he says.

Lieberthal's unique path to Palm Beach presented him with unique challenges. As a television icon, he was well-known when he lived in the Los Angeles area. He chose coming to Palm Beach knowing full-well that he knew no one, with the task of meeting new people and making new friends on the East Coast.

"This is not the first time I've picked up and changed my entire life," he says, referencing moving away from Los Angeles to live in Virginia and Nevada. "I find it stimulating and challenging, and you have to make a point of trying to involve yourself in the community, meet people, and I find this very enjoyable. I have met some very terrific people here in Palm Beach."

Lieberthal is also a patriot and someone who cares deeply about the United States and freedom. He noted that he was wearing two different color shoes — one blue, and one yellow — in solidarity with Ukraine.



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He is a prolific supporter of the Republican Party, which is not something that you'd expect from a former Hollywood television executive. He says, with a smile, that he was "one of four" Republicans in Hollywood: Jerry Perenchio, Arnold Schwarzenegger and former President Ronald Reagan, being the other three.

"I have a picture of the four of us together, politics in those days weren't as poisonous," Lieberthal adds. "I am a great believer in personal responsibility. I am also a believer that center-of-the-road Republicans and center-of-the-road Democrats want the same things: safety, to help the underprivileged, accessible medical attention, but we just disagree dramatically on how to do it."

He shares his views in political social commentary for *American Spectator* magazine.

"I believe that the government is largely the problem," he says. "I am in possession of my point of view, someone else is in possession of their own point of view — neither of us is in possession of the truth. I end each article that I write with the phrase 'Just Sayin',' which I also named my yacht, because when I opine, it's just my perspective."

Lieberthal has written on topics including poverty, diversity, due process of law, media hypocrisy and many other topics.

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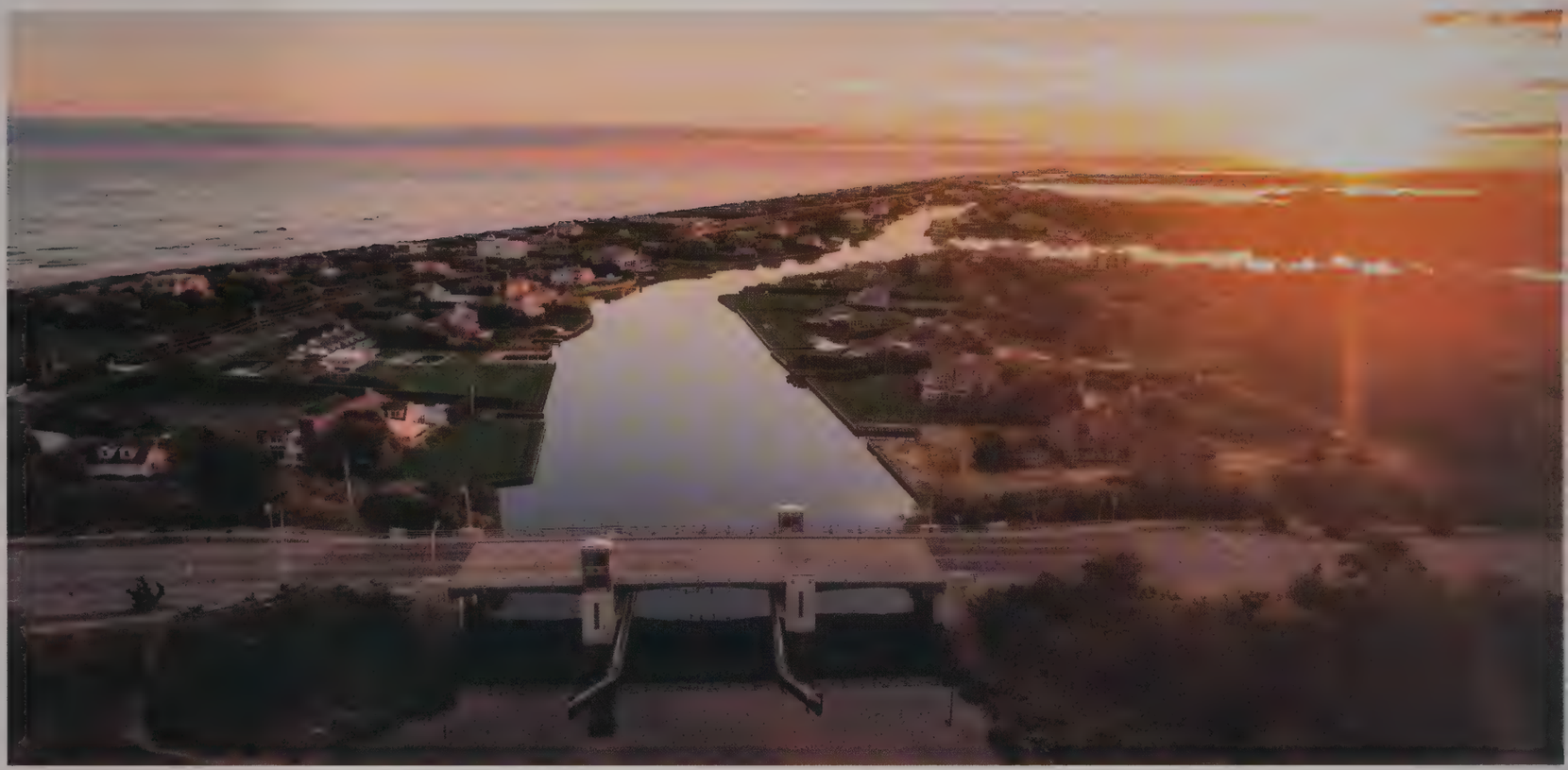

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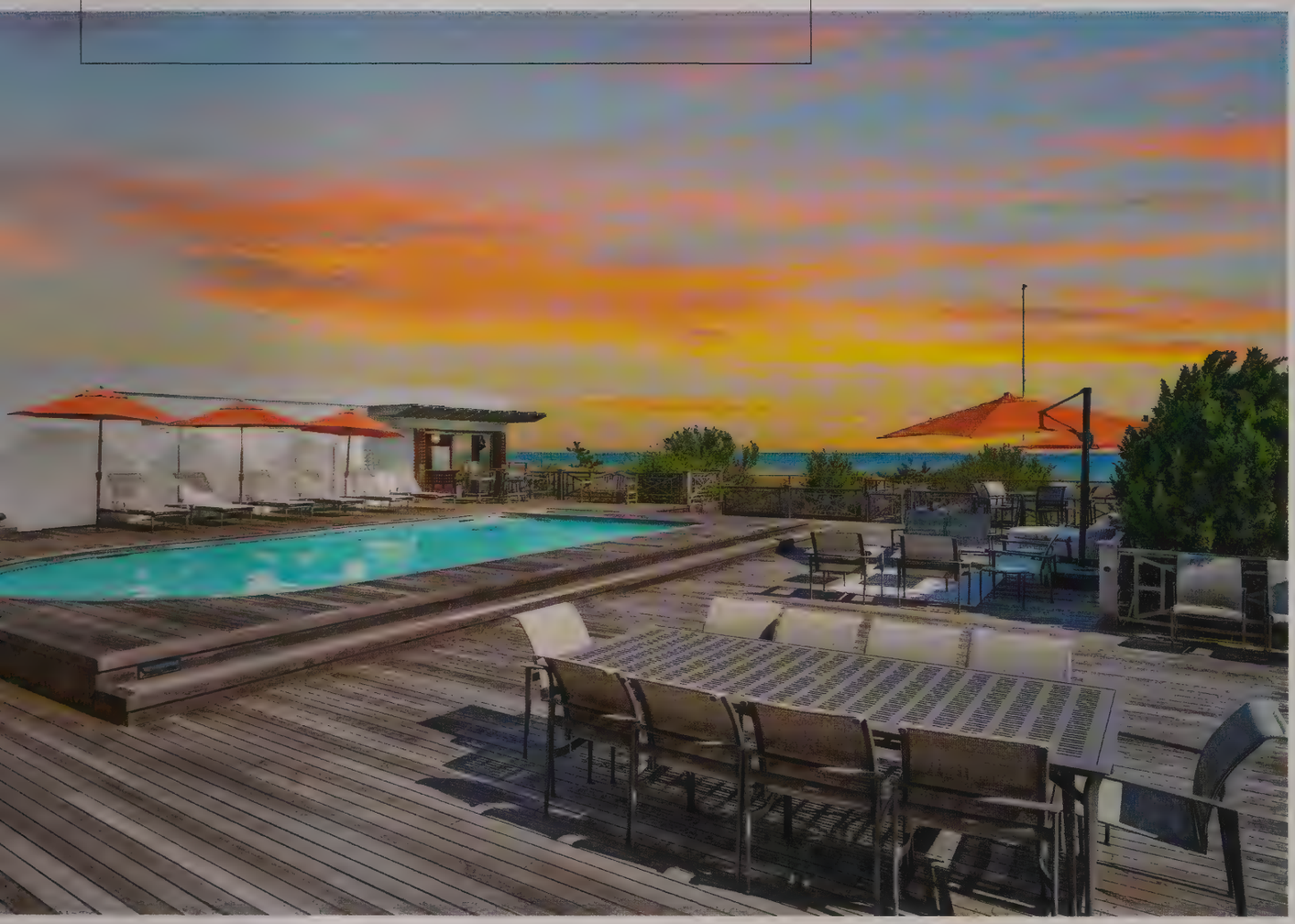

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